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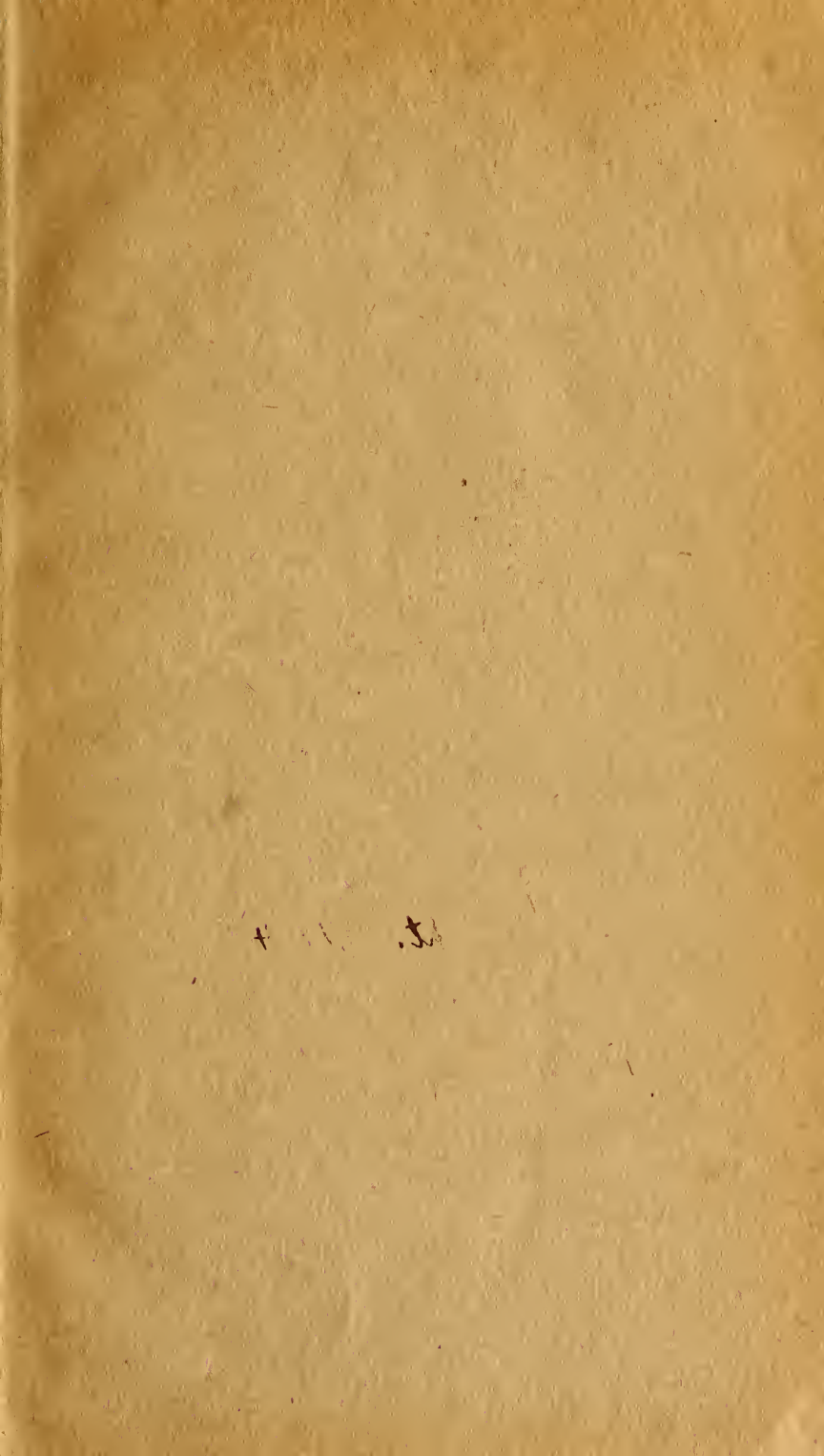
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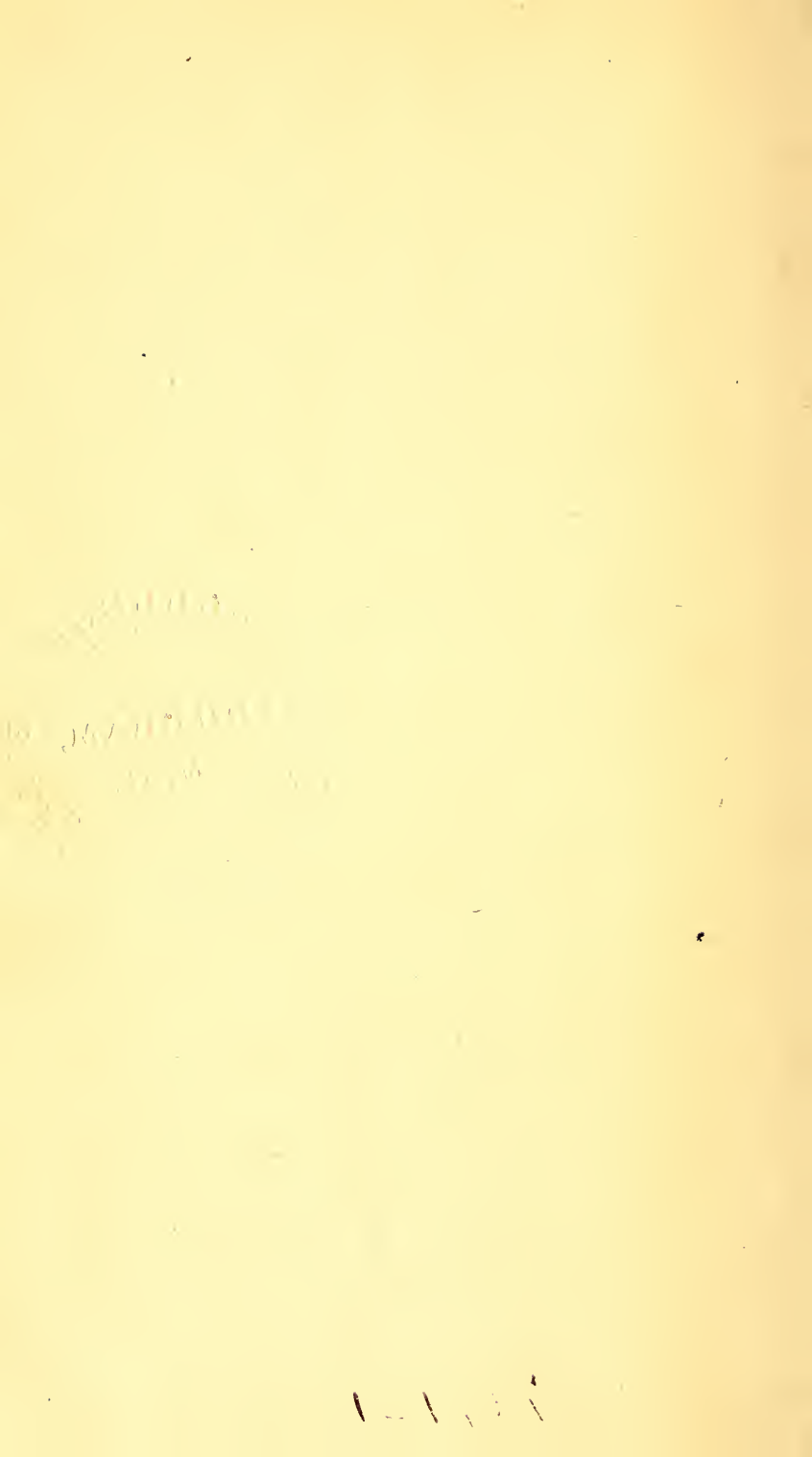
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## MINUTES.

FIRST CHURCH, WILMINGTON, N. C.,

WEDNESDAY, 8 p. m., April 16th, 1890.

Presbytery met and the opening sermon was preached by Rev. A. McFadyen, by request of the retiring Moderator, from Joshua 24th chapter and last clause of the 15th verse—subject, "Family Worship," assigned him by the Presbytery at its last meeting.

### PRESENT.

*Ministers.*—A. McFadyen, G. W. McMillan, J. W. Primrose, P. H. Hoge, D. D., J. D. Stanford, J. J. Hines, Peter McIntyre and W. McC. Miller.

*Ruling Elders.*—J. D. Currie, Clarkton; J. E. Lamb, Chinquepin; L. W. Robinson, Duplin Road; R. T. Sanders, Hopewell; R. W. Collins, Keith; G. S. Carr, Mt. Zion; Hugh Murdock, Morehead City; E. C. Smith, Oakplain; J. O. Carr, Rockfish; O. Pearsall, St. Andrews; J. G. Smith, Sutton's Branch; I. W. Sidbury, Topsail; B. G. Worth, First church, Wilmington; and Gibson James, White Oak.

### ABSENT.

*Ministers.*—Colin Shaw, D. B. Black, James Kelly, B. F. Marable, D. D., and K. McDonald.

*Churches not Represented by Ruling Elders.*—Beth Car, Black River, Bladenboro, Buelah, Burgaw, Caswell, Clinton, Cobbs Mills, Croatan, Elizabethtown, Grove, Harmony, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Olive, Mt. Williams, New River, Pike, Richlands, Seminary, South River, Union, Warsaw, White Hall, White Plains, and Whiteville.

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## MODERATOR AND CLERKS.

Rev. Peter McIntyre was elected Moderator, and Ruling Elders B. G. Worth and L. M. Robinson Temporary Clerks.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises, through Dr. Hoge, chairman, submitted the following report, which was received and approved :

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommends that Presbytery meet at 9 a. m., and spend one-half hour in devotional exercises before proceeding to the business of the day. That it take recess from 1 p. m., to 3 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure; that there be preaching each evening at 8 o'clock. It is further recommended, that the hearing of the report of the Home Missions Committee be made the order of the day for 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, to have precedence over all other subjects during the day, and that Rev. Peter McIntyre preach on to-morrow night.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9 a. m., on to-morrow.

Closed with singing L. M. Doxology and prayer.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH, 1890.—9 A. M.

Presbytery met and spent one-half hour in devotional exercises. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Revs. Colin Shaw and B. F. Marable, D. D., and Ruling Elders James N. Henry, Caswell; E. N. Robeson, Beth Car, and J. W. Cromartie, Elizabethtown, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees :

*Narrative to the General Assembly*.—Rev. J. D. Stanford and Ruling Elders J. E. Lamb and R. T. Sanders.

*Systematic Beneficence*.—Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D., and Ruling Elder J. D. Currie.

*Ministerial Support.*—Rev. J. W. Primrose and Ruling Elders H. Murdock and J. G. Smith.

#### SESSIONAL RECORDS.

*Committee No. 1.*—Rev. C. Shaw and Ruling Elders G. James and G. S. Kerr.

*Committee No. 2.*—Rev. W. McC. Miller and Ruling Elders I. W. Sidbury and R. W. Collins.

*Committee No. 3.*—Rev. G. W. McMillan and Ruling Elder J. N. Henry.

*Time and Place of the Next Meeting.*—Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D., and Ruling Elder L. W. Robinson.

*Bills and Overtures.*—Revs. P. H. Hoge, D. D., and J. W. Primrose and Ruling Elder E. A. Robeson.

The following communication was received and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures :

MT. OLIVE, N. C., April 15, 1890.

Mr. P. is an Elder in the church at A. He removes his membership to B, but is not elected to the Eldership in the latter congregation. He wishes now to retire from the Eldership.

Question 1. Can he do so?

Question 2. By what authority can he be relieved of the office?

B. F. MARABLE,  
J. A. FAISON.

On motion Ruling Elder B. G. Worth was excused from acting as clerk, and Ruling Elder H. Murdock was chosen in his stead.

To hear the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for 11 a. m. to-morrow.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, Messrs. W. H. Sprunt, B. G. Worth and A. A. Willard, reported that they had done so and found them correct and balance in bank on deposit. The report was approved and follows in the Minutes—the annual report of the Treasurer.

The Committee to install Rev. Peter McIntyre pastor of Duplin Road and Grove churches, reported that they discharged that duty at the former church on the 25th of No-

vember last and at the latter church on the day following. The report was approved.

The Committee to organize a church near Outlaw's Bridge reported that for sufficient reasons they had failed to do so, and asked to be continued. The report was approved and the Committee continued.

The Committee on the Tithe submitted the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred the Overture of the Assembly touching tithing as the means of raising the funds of the Church, respectfully recommend the adoption of the paper read before Presbytery on this subject at its last meeting as our answer to this Overture of the Assembly. The paper is as follows :

"The Christian rule of systematic beneficence is found in I Cor. xvi : 2, requiring proportionate giving, but leaving each man to determine for himself the proper proportion for him to give. The law of the tithe is essentially a part of the politico-ecclesiastical polity of the Hebrew Commonwealth, for while there are *examples* of tithing before Moses, there is no *law* of the tithe except in his statutes. The Church can make no law for her members that the Head of the Church has not ordained, but while we are called unto liberty, we must not use liberty as an excuse for covetousness. The larger privilege of the New Dispensation demands a fuller consecration, and there are many whose privilege it is to give in much larger proportion than the tithe. It is the duty of pastors and Sessions to impress this principle upon the people under their charge, not merely 'as a means of raising the funds of the Church,' but as of vital importance for their own development and growth in grace."

B F. MARABLE,  
P. H. HOGE.

The report was received, and pending the discussion to adopt, the order of the day having arrived, its further consideration was suspended to hear the report of the Committee of Home Missions, which was received and approved and the recommendations appended thereto, after having been considered seriatim, were adopted. The following is the report :

#### REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE. (Year ending March 31st, 1890.)

The Committee of Home Missions takes pleasure in reporting that the year has been one of decided advance, and it is encouraged to

believe that its work will no longer be merely that of "strengthening the things that remain," but will be a work of active aggression and forward movement. What with the prospect of supplying our vacancies, with the reviving of many churches through the labors of the Synodical Evangelist, the more hopeful material outlook in some quarters, and the prompter and larger contributions, we may well be encouraged to press forward with renewed zeal. We report on the work in order.

#### I. PRESBYTERIAL WORK.

1. *Financial*: The amount in hands of the Treasurer for this cause, April 1st, 1889, was \$380.89; received on apportionment of 1889, \$166.47; on apportionment of 1890, \$507.61; total \$1,054.97. Appropriations for 1889 (reported to Fall meeting) \$535.25; travelling expenses since Jan. 1st, \$7.40; total \$542.65; balance April 1st, 1890, \$512.32. Or, to put it differently, balance reported to Fall meeting, 29 cents; received afterwards on 1889, 11.82; on 1890, (as above) \$507.61; total \$519.72. Expended (as above) \$7.40. Balance \$512.32. In addition to this, \$97.34 has been reported to the Committee that has not come into the Treasurer's hands, making the amount in sight \$609.66. There are eight churches that have made no report, the amount of whose apportionments is \$70, but it cannot be said how much can be realized from them. These churches are Buelah, Caswell, Clinton, Cobb's Mills, Elizabethtown, Mt. Olive, New River, White Oak. By an oversight Buelah was omitted in the distribution of notices and envelopes. Of the thirty-one churches that have reported, only six failed to reach the amount of their apportionment, and some of these very nearly approximated it, viz., Chinquepin, Croatan, Mt. Zion, Oak Plains, Richlands, and Whitehall. The other twenty-five churches all equalled or exceeded their apportionment, and some of them are churches that have not contributed in years. The value of the envelope system has been shown not only in these results, but in the fact that a number of churches instead of merely reporting the amount apportioned them, has contributed considerably more. The group of churches ministered to by Rev. A. McFadyen all exceeded the amounts asked of them, and as a whole gave \$55.80 on an apportionment of \$40. Duplin Road also deserves especial mention, having tripled its apportionment, through the efforts of a Ladies' Society.

The estimates for the year's expenses amount to \$625, \$105 of which has already been appropriated for church erection, as follows: Warsaw \$40, Morehead City \$40, and Sutton's Branch \$25, and the remainder will be required for ministerial support.

2. *Missionary supplies*: In accordance with the direction of Presbytery at the Fall meeting, efforts were made to have each minister of the Presbytery give one Sunday to the mission field or vacant churches.

Rev. K. McDonald was appointed by Presbytery to go to Elizabethtown, and Rev. P. H. Hoge to Topsail. These appointments were fulfilled, besides which Rev. W. McC. Miller went three times to Topsail, and Rev. Colin Shaw to Mt. Williams, resulting in an arrangement to supply them regularly, and also to supply White Oak. Rev. A. McFadyen and Rev. J. D. Stanford had so many appointments that it was not thought best to give them additional ones, and Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D., Rev. D. B. Black, Rev. P. McIntyre and Rev. J. W. Primrose were excused on account of sickness or special appointments. No arrangement was consummated with Rev. Jas. Kelly, Rev. G. W. McMillan or Rev. J. J. Hines.

3. *Vacant churches*: All of our vacant churches have received some attention since the Fall meeting. Croatan has been supplied by Rev. J. J. Hines. South River is now regularly supplied by Rev. K. McDonald and Elizabethtown on 5th Sundays. Bladenboro, organized last summer, has been supplied by Rev. A. McFadyen; Mt. Williams and White Oak by Rev. Colin Shaw; Topsail by Rev. P. H. Hoge, Rev. W. McC. Miller and the Synodical Evangelist; New River had one week's meeting by the Synodical Evangelist. The Committee is glad to be able to report that our field in the eastern part of Pender and Onslow, so long vacant, will be supplied June 1, by a licentiate just graduating from Union Seminary who has been highly recommended to us for this work.

4. *Evangelistic work*: The First Church, Wilmington, has continued its evangelistic work under the care of Rev. W. McC. Miller with encouraging prospects. This work is prosecuted in all its departments at a cost of \$1,312.92 and is doing a marked work for that part of the city in which it is situated. Evangelistic work is done by our ministers at the following points: Rev. A. McFadyen at Bethlehem, Troy's school house and Gillespie's school house; Rev. J. D. Stanford at Lanier's school house, Outlaw's Bridge, Prospect, and Smith's Chapel, and two other points, one near Onslow county and one in the northern part of Duplin; Rev. J. J. Hines at Stella, Riverdale and Wildwood; Rev. Jas. Kelly at Elkinsville; Rev. G. W. McMillan at Chadbourn, and Rev. D. B. Black at Player's Chapel. Thus there are fifteen points outside of our organized churches at which there is more or less regular preaching. In addition to these, a Sunday School has been opened at Jacksonville, and a meeting held there by the Synodical Evangelist resulted in the gathering in of a nucleus that only needs regular preaching to develop into a church.

5. *Church erection*: During the year the following congregations completed churches or chapels: St. Andrews, church building; Buelah, church building; Bladenboro, church building; Sutton's Branch, chapel near Outlaw's Bridge. The following are in course of erection:

Morehead City, church building; Warsaw, church building, (their building having been destroyed last May); Sutton's Branch, church building. The following are projected: Harmony, church building at Kerr; New River, church building at Jacksonville; Caswell, chapel at Currie.

## II. SYNODICAL WORK.

1. *Financial*: For the regular support of this work the churches of this Presbytery have contributed as follows: Wilmington, 1st, \$290.78, St. Andrew's \$50, Union \$25, Grove \$25, Clinton \$25, Clarkton \$20, Goldsboro \$15, Mt. Olive \$12.25, Topsail \$9.46, Whiteville \$5, Mt. Horeb \$4, Beth Car \$2, Bladenboro 2; total \$485.49. Four quarterly payments of \$100 each, beginning June 1, 1889, have been made on our apportionment of \$400, leaving a balance of \$85.49 towards the quarter due June 1, 1890, the remainder of which has been pledged by the 1st church, Wilmington. In addition to this, \$100.76 was raised at a union meeting of St. Andrew's and the 1st church, Wilmington, towards the salary of an assistant for the evangelist. Mr. Morton raised at the churches visited by him the following additional sums for the work: Cobb's Mill \$10.52, Seminary \$13.31, Clinton \$18.15, Chinquepin \$4.03, Jacksonville \$20.25, Bladenboro \$20.23, Topsail \$25, Whiteville \$10; total \$121.49. Complete total of all raised for Synodical work during the year \$707.74.

2. *Work of the Evangelist within our bounds*: Rev. W. D. Morton labored within our bounds for two months, beginning January 3; his labors were greatly blessed and a number of our churches much revived. In some cases it was life from the dead. His strong and earnest preaching and faithful labors were blessed in many ways that does not appear in a statistical report, but even measured by this standard the work is more than gratifying. The following is the report of his labors:

CHURCH OR PLACE.	Services held.	Confessions and Renewals.	Added to Pres. Church.	Baptisms.	
				Adults.	Infants.
Cobbs Mills.....	12	5	5	.....	.....
Seminary.....	13	44	20	12	1
Clinton.....	27	7	4	.....	.....
Chinquepin.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville.....	12	7	4	4	.....
Bladenboro.....	14	12	11 at B'boro 1 at Cl'kt'n	.....	.....
Topsail.....	16	13	13	8	5
Wilmington.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whiteville.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	105	88	58	24	6

## III. ASSEMBLY'S WORK.

1. Our Presbytery has contributed to the general mission work of the Church \$150.38. This is over and above all that is given for the support of work within the bounds of Presbytery and Synod, and while the amount is small, it is far better than being a burden upon the Assembly's Committee as was the case a few years ago.

2. For the Invalid Fund the Presbytery has contributed \$180.39. Of this we have received an appropriation of \$100 for Mrs. C. M. Munroe, but the Committee was only able to pay two-thirds of the second installment, or \$83.33 in all.

3. For the Colored Evangelistic Fund, including the support of Tuscaloosa Institute, our Presbytery has contributed but \$48.36. None of this is expended within our bounds.

## RECAPITULATION.

Total amount raised for Congregational, Presbyterial, Synodical and Assembly's Home Mission work (not including Invalid Fund and Colored Evangelistic) is \$2,845.12. This was used in aiding in the erection of two churches, in supplementing the salaries of five ministers supplying eighteen churches and ten mission points, in supporting one local evangelist for his whole time, in paying for that portion of the Synodical Evangelist's time spent within our bounds, and in contributing to the Synodical work without our bounds, and to the Assembly's work. Seven vacant churches and sixteen mission points have had preaching supplied them more or less regularly, and arrangements have been made for securing one additional minister.

Four churches or chapels have been completed during the year, three are in course of erection, and three are projected.

Six protracted meetings were held within our bounds by the Synodical Evangelist, two briefer meetings and one service in the interest of the evangelistic work, in all 105 services, resulting in eighty-eight confessions and fifty-eight additions to our churches.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Mt. Williams and White Oak be detached from the field in East Pender and Onslow and be supplied by Rev. Colin Shaw as during the past few months, and that Richlands be detached from Rev. J. D. Stanford's field and added to this field.

2. That, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly to erect groups of weak churches into evangelistic fields in preference to the Stated Supply system, Presbytery now erect two such fields; the first covering the eastern part of Duplin county, with the eastern part of Wayne and Lenoir, embracing the churches of Chinquepin, Buelah, Sutton's Branch, Whitehall and Cobb's Mill; and the second covering Onslow and the eastern part of Pender, embracing the churches of New River, Richlands and Topsail.

3. That Rev. J. D. Stanford be elected evangelist of the first field and that the Committee supply the second by the licentiate aforesaid until the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

4. That the organization of New River Chapel be moved to Jacksonville, and the name of the church changed to Jacksonville, New River Chapel being retained as a mission point.

5. That the organization of Harmony Church be moved to Kerr, the present name being retained.

6. That to avoid confusion between organized churches and chapels, the word chapel be dropped from the names of South River chapel and Black River chapel.

7. That the Committee be authorized to employ candidate T. H. Newkirk to labor during his vacation in connection with Rev. K. McDonald in developing points along the line of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Rail Road within the bounds of this Presbytery.

8. That a committee be appointed to inquire into the practicability of Mt. Olive and Warsaw employing the whole time of Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D., (the latter church, perhaps, being aided by Presbytery), and of Clinton employing the whole time of a young man who could also do evangelistic work in the surrounding country.

9. That Presbytery order a general collection for the Synodical Evangelistic work to be taken up in June by all the churches except the First church, Wilmington, which takes the collection in February.

10. That Presbytery again urge upon all its churches to be faithful in taking the collections for Invalid Fund in July and for Assembly's Home Missions in September.

P. H. HOGE, *Chairman.*

The Revs. F. D. Swindell and W. S. Creasy, of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Ruling Elders Wm. Stanly, Whiteville; I. R. Faison, Union; W. M. Hand, Burgaw; and W. J. Cromartie, South River, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

At the request of Rev. Dr. P. H. Hoge, Chairman of the Committee of Home Missions, a Committee was appointed to audit the accounts of the same. Ruling Elder Oscar Pearsall was appointed said Committee.

Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., and Ruling Elders I. R. Faison and W. H. Sprunt were appointed the Committee called for by the 8th recommendation of the report of the Committee of Home Missions.

Ruling Elder Henry Farrior of Grove church, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery took recess until 3 p. m.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.—3 P. M.

Presbytery met and resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Tithe, which, after discussion, was adopted.

Rev. Dr. P. H. Hoge offered the following paper on Systematic Beneficence, which was received and adopted :

The Presbytery of Wilmington hereby records its deep conviction of the transcendent importance of the subject of Systematic Beneficence, not only for securing the necessary means for carrying on the operations of the Presbytery and Church at large, but for developing the graces and activities of our congregations and their members. But while Presbytery has repeatedly endeavored to impress this importance upon our churches, the annual reports continue to show great irregularities in the manner of these collections, while there are a number of causes to which many of our churches make no contribution from year end to year end. Presbytery is convinced that the neglect is due, not so much to unwillingness to give on the part of the people, as to neglect on the part of Church officers to bring these subjects properly before them, to misunderstanding on the part of both officers and people of the objects and times for these collections, and to the lack of proper facilities for taking up collections for special objects without interfering with those for Church support. It is further believed that there is considerable confusion caused by the fact that our blanks for reports to Presbytery conform to the Assembly's scheme of collections, while some of our collections follow a different system. In view of these facts Presbytery takes the following action: The following collections are recognized by Presbytery and ordered to be taken in all our churches: January, Presbyterial Home Missions; March, Publication; May, Foreign Missions; June, Synodical Evangelization; July, Invalid Fund; September, Assembly's Home Missions; November, Education; December, Colored Evangelization.

2. The Stated Clerk shall furnish to each church three copies of a card containing these names and dates—one to be kept on the pulpit,

one by the Clerk of Session and one by the Treasurer. He shall also furnish for each communicant a package of eight envelopes, each containing the name and date of one of these causes.

3. It shall be the duty of Sessions to see that these packages are distributed among their members so that each may be provided with the opportunity of contributing to each cause at the proper time. It shall be the duty of pastors to announce the collections at the last meeting of the previous month, with whatever explanation may be necessary, and naming the amount expected of the church when Presbytery has apportioned any sum among the churches. And it shall be the duty of Treasurers in forwarding contributions to the Treasurer of Presbytery to designate them by the names herein contained.

4. The agents of the different causes are instructed to furnish the churches within the month previous to the collection with any special information with reference to any cause that it may be important for the churches to have.

5. The blanks for the Statistical Report to Presbytery and the report on Systematic Beneficence shall conform to this terminology, and shall contain a few blank lines that may be filled up with any objects of beneficence outside of those named, and any changes necessary to bring these reports into the form prescribed by the General Assembly shall be made in Presbytery by the proper Committee.

#### MR. GEORGE M. MATHIS.

Mr. George M. Mathis, a member of Clinton church, was introduced to Presbytery, and after the reading of the required testimonials, from the Sessions of his church as to his moral and Christian character, and after the usual examination as to experimental religion and motives in seeking the ministry, was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and the Agent of Education was directed to take the oversight of his studies.

#### BLADENBORO CHURCH.

A call from the Bladenboro church for the pastoral services of the Rev. A. McFadyen for one-fourth of his time was read, and being found in order was placed in his hands, and having been accepted by him, Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., was appointed to preside, preach and charge the pastor, and Rev. W. McC. Miller to charge the people. The installation to take place at a time agreed upon between the parties concerned.

Revs. K. McDonald and A. McFadyen and Ruling Elders J. D. Currie and I. R. Faison were nominated Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Rev. G. W. McMillan and Ruling Elder G. S. Carr were granted leave of absence after to-morrow morning's session and Ruling Elders J. B. Tait and Gibson James after to-day's session.

J. A. Bordeaux, from Pike church, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. on to-morrow. Closed with prayer.

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#### FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH, 1890—9 A. M.

Presbytery met and spent one half hour in devotional exercises. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. K. McDonald and W. H. Beatty from Black River church appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

#### EDUCATIONAL.

The Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D., Agent of Education, submitted the following report which was received and, after discussion, was approved and the resolution appended thereto was adopted :

The Educational department of our Assembly's work increases steadily in magnitude. The proper qualification of men for the gospel ministry is of fundamental importance and can never cease to occupy a leading place in our church work, Opinions may vary as to methods of education, but as to the imperative necessity of an educated ministry there can be but one opinion among intelligent Christians. And this subject is greatly emphasized when we observe the increasing popular intelligence and the varying and artful expedients of the enemies of the gospel. The number of candidates aided by the Assembly's Committee during the year ending April, 1889, was 167 against 150 for the previous year. The present year will show a much larger increase—208. The amount raised by this Presbytery for this cause during the past year, \$198.09. The amount received by this Presbytery

from the Assembly's Committee for the present year, \$150.00, distributed as follows: To Mr. T. H. Newkirk, Jr., \$100; to Mr. L. E. Wells, \$25.00; to Mr. Lawrence Ballard, \$25.00. There are under the care of the Presbytery five young men located and employed as follows: Mr. N. L. Anderson (licentiate) is at Princeton Seminary and will complete his course the present term; Mr. T. H. Newkirk at Union Seminary; Mr. L. E. Mills at Mr. Clement's school, Duplin Road; Mr. Lawrence Ballard at school in Kinston; Mr. W. M. Shaw is teaching in Kenansville, and in the meantime is pursuing his theological studies. Each of these young men maintains a commendable Christian character and all report progress in their studies. The Presbytery has uniformly raised more funds for Education than we have expended on our own candidates, but we have fallen much below the amount asked by the Assembly and much below what we might have raised. In view of these facts the adoption of the following resolution is recommended:

*Resolved*, Education is one of the leading departments of our Church work. It is greatly in need of enlarged means, and our churches are earnestly requested to increase their liberality to this important cause.

B. F. MARABLE.

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### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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The order of the day having arrived the Agent of Foreign Missions made his report, which was received and approved, and is as follows:

Your Agent for Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following: We have 39 churches on our roll. Of these 24, the same number as last year contributed to this cause. These churches reported a resident membership of 1,810. The amount contributed is \$2,083, which is \$32 more than was given last year. It is much to be desired that our contributions next May be largely in excess of 1889, and for the following reasons:

1. Besides a considerable force of native helpers our Church has now 78 missionaries in the field, 14 new missionaries having been added during the year. Among these are two brethren, one of them a negro graduate of Tuscaloosa Institute, who have gone to establish a new mission in the Congo Free State in the heart of Africa.

2. Thirteen new missionaries are now waiting to be sent.

3. While the work last year was concluded without debt it was owing in part to a legacy of \$10,000. This we may not expect two years in succession.

4. There was a falling off in the collections of February and March. The missionary well deserves the support of our churches. It is now more than self-sustaining. It is well to remember that any surplus over expenses of publication goes into the Foreign Missionary Treasury. Our people would take a deeper interest in this great work of the Mas-

ter if they were better informed, and the *Missionary* is the best channel of information next to the pulpit. The subscription list in our own Presbytery shows a great improvement, and yet our 2,640 members take only 93 copies. Our Ladies' Societies have wrought zealously. Their financial year has not yet come to a close, but they have made regular quarterly contributions, and fully expect to reach \$800, the amount proposed. Churches reporting contributions are as follows:

CHURCHES,	Resi- dents.	Amounts.
Beth Car.....	35	\$ 17 20
Black River.....		22 82
Bladenboro.....	22	2 00
Burgaw.....	40	25 25
Caswell.....	44	2 00
Clarkton.....	167	70 00
Clinton.....	72	6 00
Duplin Road.....	37	15 00
Grove.....	72	50 00
Hopewell.....	100	8 36
Keith.....	24	95
Mt. Horeb.....	49	23 00
Mt. Olive.....	41	17 95
Mt. Zion.....	84	3 77
Mt. Williams.....	85	6 00
Oakplain.....	60	6 26
Pike.....	70	6 01
Rockfish.....	72	13 35
St. Andrews.....	211	208 00
South River.....	60	14 12
Union.....	80	20 75
Wilmington, First Church.....	351	1,512 88
White Plains.....		1 30
Whiteville.....	34	30 15
Total.....	1810	\$2,008 36

In conclusion, your Agent would recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

1. Presbytery requires the sessions to transmit their spring reports by mail in time for the opening of Presbytery, and a duplicate by the hands of the delegates.

2. We again recommend *The Missionary* to our people, and commend the canvass of every community for readers as a truly Christian work.

3. We recommend the observance of Children's Day—the first Sabbath in June.

4. We commend to sessions the distribution among their people of the *Foreign Mission Leaflet* just prior to the May collection.

5. We urge our ministers to preach on this great theme at their appointments just prior to the May collection.

JOHN W. PRIMROSE. *Agent.*

Committee No. 3 on Sessional Records submitted the following report, which was received and approved :

Your Committee would make the following report :

The Records of Beth Car be approved, with the following exceptions: That only two meetings have been recorded in the last year; no reports from deacons, annual or otherwise; no reports recorded except the statistical report. (2.) That the Records of Bladenboro be approved except that there is no report recorded except the statistical report. (3.) That the Records of Mt. Horeb be approved with the following exception : That the days of the week on which the Session met are not given. (4.) The Records of Grove be approved with the exception that the day of the week not given in meeting of Session on May 6th, 1889. (5.) That the Records of Mt. Zion be approved with the exception that the Treasurer made only one report during the year.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. MACMILLAN,  
J. N. HENRY,  
*Committee.*

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#### MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

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The Committee on Ministerial Support made the following report which was received, approved and the recommendations of the same were adopted :

Your Committee beg leave to report that out of our thirty-nine churches only twenty-two have reported. Fifteen of these churches pledge ministers' salaries aggregating \$2,730, (this is outside of the city of Wilmington), and have paid it all save \$186. From the small number of reports sent to Presbytery it is impossible to ascertain the amounts pledged our ministers. Your Committee approve of the reports with the following exceptions: (1.) Burgaw church is in debt to Rev. D. B. Black \$102, that is one-third of two years' salary. (2.) Hopewell church pledges Rev. D. B. Black as Stated Supply \$100, payable not annually, quarterly nor monthly, "but when we can." It reports salary not paid in full, and is to be reprehended also for failing to answer what amount remains due and all following questions. (3.) Rockfish church pledges Rev. D. B. Black, pastor, \$150, payable annually; has not paid in full, "does not know" the amount due nor when arrears are likely to be paid. (4.) Caswell church reports Rev. K. McDonald pastor, but does not know what salary was pledged him and makes no response as to indebtedness. Presbytery would

suggest that the Session ought to know, inasmuch as every call to the pastorate states the amount of salary. (5.) Chinquepin church, in answer to question as to salary pledged Rev. J. D. Stanford, says "not particular." To question 7, when last installment was due, answer not known. The remaining questions are not answered at all. The number of residents is not given. (6.) The report of Pike church, except it reports its pastor's salary (Rev. D. B. Black) is payable at "no definite time." The Presbytery refers the Session of Pike to the original call for information. The Session also reports that it cannot tell how much is due the pastor. This lack of information the Presbytery pronounces inexcusable.

We recommend that ministers in charge of these churches be required at their next appointment to read these exceptions to the congregations concerned and report the fact to Presbytery in the Fall.

J. W. PRIMROSE,  
H. MURDOCK,  
J. G. SMITH,

*Committee.*

Rev. C. Shaw and Ruling Elders R. W. Collins, E. N. Robeson, I. W. Sidbury, J. W. Cromartie, I. R. Faison, E. C. Smith and J. D. Currie were granted leave of absence after this morning's session.

Rev. C. F. Deems, D. D., of the Church of the Strangers, New York, was invited to sit as a visiting brother and made a happy response to the invitation.

#### COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. K. McDonald and Ruling Elder J. D. Currie were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly, with Rev. A. McFadyen and Ruling Elder I. R. Faison, alternates.

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#### WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY COMMITTEE OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

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Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., presented the following paper which was received and adopted :

WHEREAS, It appears not improbable from the reports of the different Presbyteries so far as they have been published that the General Assembly may decide adversely to the formation and maintenance of

societies or unions that extend beyond the limits of congregations ; and whereas the Presbytery of Wilmington does not wish to run counter to the general sentiment of the Church, but does earnestly desire to reap the benefits that have already resulted from co operation and united effort in the Foreign Mission work among the women of our churches ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, 1. That the Presbytery of Wilmington appoint annually at its Spring meeting a committee of seven ladies, to be called the Woman's Foreign Missionary Committee of Wilmington Presbytery, whose duties it shall be (1.) To aid the women of churches not having Foreign Missionary Societies in organizing them. (2.) To endeavor to increase the interest and promote the growth of the Societies already organized. (3.) To concert plans by which the Societies can unite in the support of particular lady missionaries and to keep the Societies and missionaries in communication with each other, for the stimulation of the Societies and the encouragement of the missionaries. (4.) To aid the General Assembly's Executive Committee in selecting suitable lady missionaries. These ends may be carried out by correspondence, visit to the Societies and by the holding of annual or other conventions. Three of the Committee, including the Chairman, should for convenience be located at one place and may be constituted a sub-committee to transact minor business, but for all important matters the consent of the others should be obtained in writing when a full meeting cannot be had. The contributions of the Societies shall be sent to the Treasurer of Presbytery either directly or through the officers of the church, or for convenience through this committee, and shall be transmitted by him to the treasurer of the Assembly's Executive Committee on the order of the Chairman of the Woman's Committee. If any Society does not wish any contribution to be subject to this order it can so state in sending it. It is recommended that the Societies should tax themselves at the rate of \$1.00 for every ten members for the running expenses of the committee, which tax shall be paid directly to the treasurer of the Committee. The Committee may elect a Secretary and Treasurer from their own number, the Chairman being designated by Presbytery. The committee shall consult with the Presbytery's Agent of Foreign Missions upon any matter of perplexity and shall submit an annual report of all their proceedings to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

2. The committee for the present year shall consist of Mrs. B. F. Hall, Chairman ; Mrs. R. N. Sweet, Mrs. W. J. Smith, of Wilmington ; Miss Mary Anderson, of Clinton ; Mrs. Joseph Archer, of Kenansville ; Mrs. D. G. Robeson, of Westbrook, and Mrs. P. J. Flemington, of Faisons.

3. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Union as at present organized

is hereby dissolved, the dissolution to take effect after the next annual Convention.

4. Rev. J. W. Primrose, Agent of Foreign Missions, with Rev. P. H. Hoge, alternate, is hereby appointed to visit the Convention and explain the reasons for this action.

#### OVERTURE ON THE DEMISSION OF THE ELDERSHIP.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to whom was referred the paper on the Demission of the Eldership, made their report recommending that Presbytery overture the General Assembly to answer the same. Approved.

Presbytery took recess until 3 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.—3 P. M.

Presbytery met and the Committee to prepare the Narrative made the following report, which was read, approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly :

With humble gratitude Presbytery records the goodness and protecting care of God during the past year, and that peace and harmony prevails in our churches. The ministers and officers have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and are making progress in the spirit of consecration to the work of the Master. In some of our congregations there have been special outpourings of the Holy Spirit, and in nearly all these have been additions. There has been a decrease in intemperance and worldly amusements, and yet some of our congregations are troubled with these forms of sin. There has evidently been an improvement in the observance of the Sabbath, and yet our people do not come up to the full measure of their duty in this respect. There has also been an improvement in the matter of family worship, and yet it is too much neglected. While our people are growing in liberality, there is yet much room for improvement. While upon a view of the whole field there are some things discouraging, there are many to encourage us and to excite us to renewed consecration to the Master's service.

J. D. STANFORD,

R. T. SANDERS,

J. E. LAMB,

*Committee.*

## TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The Committee on the Time and Place of the next regular meeting reported, recommending Oakplain as the place and 12 m. Thursday, the 16th day of October next, as the time for the next meeting of Presbytery. Approved.

Burgaw was granted leave to employ Rev. D. B. Black as Stated Supply for one-fourth of his time for the next year.

Ruling Elder J. A. Bordeaux was granted leave of absence after this time.

Committee No. 1 on Sessional Records submitted the following report, which was received and approved :

Records of Clinton approved to page 32.

“ “ Clarkton “ “ “ 145.

“ “ Union “ “ “ 109.

“ “ Burgaw “ “ “ 55.

“ “ Topsail approved, with the exception that they have not been before Presbytery since March 7th, 1885.

C. SHAW,  
G. S. CARR,  
GIBSON JAMES,  
*Committee.*

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PUBLICATION.

Rev. C. Shaw, Agent of Publication, made his report, which was received and approved, and is as follows :

The Agent of Publication of Wilmington Presbytery begs leave to report that since the last annual report made at Clinton there has been no change in operating the colporteur business as to funds, except giving credit to Clinton church for five dollars for colportage, for which said church ought to have been credited in last report. The following donations in money and books have been made since last report : \$10 to Rev. J. J. Hines' field to purchase books bought of the Committee at Richmond; \$9.94 in books for Rev. J. D. Stanford's field, through Mr. J. W. Fountain, late colporteur; \$3.50 to White Oak church in books—in all \$23.44. There is yet in the hands of the Agent a small amount of money and books that can be very usefully employed in supplying the destitute fields as Presbytery may direct or as

the Agent can find opportunity in distributing. As to the work of the Committee at Richmond, the last annual report will give all the information desired. Your Agent would simply call the attention of the Presbytery to some of the late publications, and to the colporteur work as carried on through the Synodical Agents. In our own Synod Mr. Ennis, of Raleigh, under the direction of Dr. Watkins, has been doing a good work in the field assigned him. Other laborers will be employed when funds justify. At present, with the amount of funds in hands of the Committee, this is all that can be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted.

C. SHAW, *Agent.*

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### MINUTES OF SYNOD.

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The Committee to examine the Minutes of Synod submitted the following report, which was received and approved :

Your Committee to examine the Minutes of Synod would call the attention of the Presbytery to the action of the Synod in regard to the Orphans' Home on pages 325-6-7-8. On page 335 we are urged to give every church an opportunity to contribute to the cause of Publication. On page 344 Presbyteries are directed to "require Agents of Education to make reports of all candidates at least once a year, both as to their moral character and literary standing." On page 348 Synod agrees to raise \$1,500 for Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, provided the Synod of Virginia will concur and co-operate in this movement. Of this amount \$300 is our apportionment. The Agents of Sustentation, Foreign Missions and Education in their reports do not give us credit for what we have done in these departments. No doubt they have their explanations of these discrepancies as to the amounts contributed by us. It is our opinion that if the Synodical Agents would consult the statistical reports of the different Presbyteries in making up their reports, these discrepancies would disappear.

Respectfully submitted.

A. McFADYEN, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Committee of Home Missions, submitted the following report, which was received and approved :

As Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Rev. Dr. Hoge, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, I report as having done so and found the same correct in all respects, with vouchers for all disbursements.

Respectfully submitted.

OSCAR PEARSALL, *Committee.*

## THE REVISED DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP.

The Presbytery of Wilmington advises and consents to the adoption of the Directory for Worship, but respectfully suggests that the Funeral Service is unsatisfactory, lacking the climactic presentation of the Christian hope, placing the Old Testament passages last, and omitting such inspiring passages as I Cor. xv, I Thess. iv, and Rev. viii. And further, that the Directory for Marriage does not fulfil the requirements of the General Assembly to prepare a marriage service. We therefore respectfully advise that while the Directory should be adopted as it now stands, without the funeral service, the Committee shall be directed to continue their labors until a complete marriage and funeral service shall be presented to the Church, suitable for the use of laymen, the same, when adopted, to be added to the Directory as an Appendix.

## SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence submitted their report, which was received and approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows :

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence submit the following :

22 churches have contributed to Sustentation.....	\$	760	60
19   "       "       "       "       "       Evangelistic Fund.....		1,884	42
19   "       "       "       "       "       Invalid Fund.....		189	09
21   "       "       "       "       "       Foreign Missions.....		2,113	26
16   "       "       "       "       "       Education.....		145	49
14   "       "       "       "       "       Publication.....		102	95
14   "       "       "       "       "       Tuskaloosa Institute.....		54	81
Total.....	\$	5,250	62
Excess above last year.....	\$	2,192	13

B. F. MARABLE,

J. D. CURRIE,

*Committee.*

## THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the Sabbath made the following report, which was received and approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly :

The Sabbath has as many hours in it as any other day of the week. Therefore as we use every hour of all the other days for our own employment, we should be as diligent to give to God every hour of the holy Sabbath day, for He has appointed it not for His own good but for our benefit and advantage. The right observance of the day benefits the individual, blesses the community and builds up a nation, whereas the desecration of the day lessens the individual's interest in the religion of Jesus, lessens the interest of church work in the community and calls down the displeasure and judgments of God upon the nation. Each individual that nameth the name of Christ should resolve by the grace of God to keep the Sabbath from polluting it. We did hope to be able to report an advancement all along the line in the observance of the Sabbath day. There has been some advancement, but still there is the Sunday train and the Sunday excursion both by land and water. There is still the opening and delivery of the mail on God's holy day; and last, but not least, there is still the Sunday morning's paper, all of which we, as Christian brethren, should condemn. Still it is sad to report that the desecration of the day is sanctioned by those who call themselves by the name of Christ. Well may we exclaim, How long, O Lord, Holy and True, how long before we shall remember to keep the Sabbath holy unto the Lord. Let us labor to this end that the Sabbath shall be a day of rest to all, not a day of recreation; a day of holy resting in the Lord, and not a day of pleasure seeking. Let us labor to restore the Sabbath to its primeval state—a day of holiness unto the Lord.

Respectfully submitted.

K. McDONALD, *Chairman.*

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## SESSIONAL RECORDS.

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Committee No. 2 on Sessional Records submitted the following report, which was received and approved:

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the minutes of the Sessions of the following churches be approved, with the exceptions named:

I. White Oak church. (1) The minutes have not been in Presbytery since September 9th, 1887; (2) The minutes of March, 1888, are not complete; (3) Reports are not recorded as required by rule 4th; (4) Meetings are not held quarterly; (5) It does not appear that the minutes were approved as required by rule 7th.

II. St. Andrew's. No exceptions.

III. Keith church. The reports by rule 4th not recorded.

IV. Chinquepin. (1) No date or place of a certain meeting is given ; (2) The reports by rule 4th not recorded.

V. Pike church. (1) It is not stated in the minutes of 2d Sabbath in April, 1889, that the meeting was closed with prayer and the minutes are not signed ; (2) No reports recorded as required by rule 4th ; (3) It does not appear that the minutes were approved as by rule 7th.

VI. First church, Wilmington. No exceptions.

VII. Caswell. Records have not been in Presbytery since April 18th, 1887.

VIII. South River. (1) A note shows that the minutes of certain meetings have not been recorded ; (2) Certain acts admitted in the minutes which were not the acts of the Session, in violation of rule 5th,

IX. Hopewell. (1) All reports required by rule 4th not recorded ; (2) It does not appear that the minutes were approved. See rule 7th.

X. Rockfish. Reports not recorded as required by rule 4th.

XI. Whiteville. Narrative not recorded—rule 4th.

XII. Duplin Road. The Narrative not recorded by rule 4th.

W. McC. MILLER,  
IVY W. SIDBURY,  
R. W. COLLINS,

*Committee.*

In connection with the above report the attention of the Presbytery was called to the unconstitutional action of the Session of Chinquepin church in suspending two members. Presbytery examined into the case and found from the statements of the Moderator of the Session that the parties accused were twice cited, and refusing to appear were suspended for contumacy. It thus appearing that the proper constitutional action was taken and that only the record was defective, dismissed the matter, instructing the Session to correct the same.

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### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

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The Agent of Sabbath Schools submitted the following report, which was received, approved and the tabular statement of the same was ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly :

The Sabbath School work we think is steadily progressive. Some schools show a slight falling off in attendance of scholars and teachers. Others report a large increase. We would like to see more schools contributing to benevolent objects. The Sessional Report might be made out in many cases with more care and fuller statistics given. The annual Sabbath School Convention of the Presbytery was held at Clarkton just previous to Fall meeting of Presbytery, at the same place. The meeting was interesting, but the attendance was small. Recommendation: That the time and place of meeting of the Convention be left to the selection of the Sabbath School Agent.

The following is the tabular statement to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

CHURCHES.	No. on Roll		Average At- tendance.		No. Admit- to Lord's Table.		Amounts Con- tributed.;	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.	For own use.	Other purposes.
Beth Car.....	5	26	5	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pike.....	5	28	3	20	.....	13	.....	.....
Clinton.....	10	80	7	50	.....	.....	47 00	.....
Bladenboro.....	4	37	4	20	.....	8	19 21	.....
Mt. Horeb.....	8	19	5	15	.....	.....	8 78	.....
Clarkton.....	12	120	10	80	.....	.....	8 00	6 00
Hopewell.....	4	50	3	40	.....	.....	2 40	.....
Keith.....	5	25	3	17	.....	8	68	.....
Mt. Williams.....	7	45	5	23	.....	.....	5 15	.....
Caswell.....	4	15	3	10	.....	4	.....	.....
Topsail.....	9	64	9	50	.....	7	7 35	.....
South River.....	2	26	2	20	.....	.....	6 00	3 75
Mt. Olive.....	10	75	6	46	.....	.....	47 76	2 75
Oakplain.....	4	38	3	15	.....	.....	8 00	7 27
Whiteville.....	4	49	3	30	.....	.....	18 34	.....
Union.....	9	58	8	40	.....	.....	27 05	3 00
Wilmington, First Church.....	50	277	47	200	.....	4	126 57	92 05
Burgaw.....	5	62	4	45	.....	6	7 53	7 70
Duplin Road.....	4	50	3	40	.....	.....	12 39	1 30
St. Andrews.....	23	150	19	110	.....	.....	146 00	22 00
Chinquopin.....	5	65	3	41	.....	15	1 80	.....
Mt. Zion.....	5	32	4	25	.....	.....	15 16	5 00
Rockfish.....	6	29	5	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morehead City.....	8	29	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
	208	1447	169	1007	.....	65	415 19	150 82

PETER MCINTYRE, *Agent.*

Rev. James Kelly was granted leave to supply White Plains church for the next year for one-fourth of his time, at a salary to be agreed upon among themselves.

Presbytery took up the application of Mr. W. J. Cro-  
martie to be taken under our care as a candidate for the  
ministry, and pending the consideration of a motion to go  
into his examination with that end in view, Presbytery  
took recess until 8 p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

Presbytery met and went into the examination of Mr. W. J. Cromartie, and at its close the following paper was adopted :

*Resolved*, That Presbytery having heard Mr. W. J. Cromartie's statements in regard to his convictions as to his call to the ministry, it is the opinion of Presbytery that in view of his advanced age and other circumstances, it is not his duty to enter the ministry and that he be advised to content himself in serving God as a Ruling Elder. This judgment of Presbytery is rendered with the highest appreciation of Mr. Cromartie's Christian character.

Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D., was appointed a committee to make known this action of the Presbytery to Mr. Cromartie.

On motion Presbytery then elected the following agents and committees :

*Agent of Foreign Missions.*—Rev. J. W. Primrose.

*Agent of Publication and North Carolina Presbyterian.*

—Rev. Colin Shaw.

*Agent of Education.*—Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D.

*Agent of Sabbath Schools.*—Rev. Peter McIntyre.

*Committee of Home Missions.*—Revs. P. H. Hoge, D. D., Chairman, Colin Shaw, G. W. McMillan ; Ruling Elders I. R. Faison, W. H. Sprunt, B. F. Hall.

*Committee on the Sabbath.*—Rev. W. McC. Miller.

*Committee on Minutes of Synod and General Assembly.*—Rev. K. McDonald.

*Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Accounts.*—Ruling Elders A. A. Willard, B. G. Worth and W. H. Sprunt.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay Messrs. Jackson & Bell \$3.25 for postals and printing and 75 cents to Stated Clerk for stationery and postage.

## CROATAN CHURCH.

On motion, the application of Ruling Elder Heath, of the Croatan church, for assistance in paying for their house of worship, was referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

Rev. K. McDonald was directed to supply South River until the Fall meeting of Presbytery upon such terms as shall be agreed upon between themselves, and that Rev. A. McFadyen supply Elizabethtown in the same way.

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#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

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The Treasurer submitted his annual report, examined and approved by the Auditing Committee, together with a report of collections made at this meeting. These reports were received and approved and are printed as an appendix.

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#### STATISTICAL REPORT.

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The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report, which was received and approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly :

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully reports to the General Assembly that they number 13 ministers and 39 churches; that on the 23d of May last they licensed Mr. Neal L. Anderson as a probationer for the gospel ministry; that on the 30th of April last they dissolved the church of Chadbourn, and that on the 11th of July they organized the church of Bladenboro; that on the 25th of November they installed Rev. Peter McIntyre pastor of the Duplin Road church, and on the day following pastor of the Grove church; that on the 17th day of April, 1890, we received under our care Mr. George M. Mathis, a member of the Clinton church, as a candidate for the ministry; and that the next stated meeting of our Presbytery will be held at Oakplain church at 12 m., on Thursday, the 16th day of October next.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April, 1890.

A. MCFADYEN,  
*Stated Clerk.*

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#### VOTE OF THANKS.

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The following vote of thanks was heartily adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the pastor of this church, his congregation and other citizens of Wilming-

ton, for their generous hospitality and many kind attentions to the members of this body, and we pray that the richest blessings of heaven may rest upon them all.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at Oakplain church at 12 m., on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October next.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

PETER McINTYRE,  
*Moderator.*

B. G. WORTH,  
L. W. ROBINSON,  
H. MURDOCK,  
*Temporary Clerks.*

A. McFADYEN,  
*Stated Clerk.*

First Church, Wilmington, N. C., April 18th, 1890.



From April 1st, 1889 to April 1st, 1890.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON,

AT THEIR

FORTY-SECOND SESSION,

HELD AT

OAKPLAIN CHURCH, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 16 AND 17, 1890.

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MINUTES  
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OAKPLAIN CHURCH, SAMPSON COUNTY, NO. CA.

12 M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1890.

Presbytery met and the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Peter McIntyre from 1st Cor. 16th chapter and 14th and 15th verses.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. D. B. Black.

PRESENT.

*Ministers:* Colin Shaw, D. B. Black, A. McFadyen, G. W. McMillan, K. McDonald, J. W. Primrose, D. D., J. D. Stanford and P. McIntyre.

*Ruling Elders:* C. Johnson, Black River; W. T. Bannerman, Burgaw; W. N. Campbell, Clarkton; R. N. Cole, Chinquepin; J. W. Carr, Duplin Road; W. D. McLeod, Elizabethtown; B. F. Sanders, Hopewell; R. W. Collins, Keith; A. R. Hicks, Mt. Olive; C. S. Carr, Mt. Zion; A. W. Wells, Oakplain; J. W. Fountain, Richlands; J. W. Boney, Rockfish; A. D. Hicks, Union; W. B. Whitfield, White Hall.

ABSENT.

*Ministers:* James Kelly, B. F. Marable, D. D., P. H.

Hoge, D. D. and W. McC. Miller, and twenty-one churches were not represented by Ruling Elders.

#### MODERATOR AND CLERKS.

Rev. J. D. Stanford was elected Moderator and Ruling Elders J. W. Fountain and A. D. Hicks, Temporary Clerks.

Mr. Byron Currie Clark, a member of Clarkton church, was introduced to Presbytery and after the reading of the required testimonials from the Session of his church, as to his moral and christian character, and after the usual examination as to experimental religion and motives in seeking the ministry, was taken under the care of Presbytery as a Candidate for the ministry, and he was recommended to pursue his studies at Union Theological Seminary, Hampden Sidney, Va., he having last June, finished his literary course at Davidson College.

Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery met and dismissed Licentiate N. L. Anderson to the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa Ala. Licentiate Letcher Smith was received from the Presbytery of Roanoke, Va.

The reading of the minutes of the last Presbytery was dispensed with.

#### APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees.

*Narrative to Synod:* Rev. P. McIntyre and Ruling Elders W. N. Campbell and W. B. Whitfield.

*Systematic Beneficence:* Rev. K. McDonald and Ruling Elders C. S. Carr and W. T. Bannerman.

*Time and place of the next Meeting:* Rev. G. W. McMillan and Ruling Elders M. D. McLeod and R. W. Collins.

The Trustees of Davidson College made a verbal report, which was approved.

## FREE CONVERSATION.

The free conversation on the state of religion was made the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

## ORDINATION OF LICENTiate LETCHER SMITH.

Presbytery resolved to ordain Licentiate Letcher Smith as an Evangelist, and examined him on experimental religion, motives in seeking the Ministry, Theology, Church Government, Sacraments of the Church and Ecclesiastical History, all of which were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

## DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises submitted the following report, which was received and approved:

That Presbytery meet at 9 a. m. and spend one half hour in devotional exercises, hear a sermon at 11 a. m., after sermon take recess and meet at 1 p. m., hear a sermon at 3 p. m. and adjourn at 4:30 p. m.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow. Closed with prayer by Dr. Primrose.

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FRIDAY, 9 A. M., OCTOBER 17TH, 1890.

Presbytery met and spent one-half hour in devotional exercises. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Ruling Elder J. W. Carr, was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Presbytery resolved to hear the trial sermon of Licentiate Litcher Smith, for ordination, at 3 p. m. to-day, assigning him for a text Gal. 4th chapter 4th and 5th verses.

Presbytery heard the popular lecture of Candidate W. M. Shaw, subject, 1st Psalm, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial, and resolved to hear his trial sermon at 11 a. m. to-day.

## COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly made a verbal report, which was approved and their diligence was commended.

Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D. and Ruling Elder W. A. Faison from Warsaw church appeared in Presbytery and were excused for tardiness.

After the reading of a communication from Rev. Dr. E. M. Richardson, Secretary of Education, Rev. Dr. Marable and Ruling Elders A. D. Hicks and W. T. Bannerman were appointed a committee to apportion \$450.00 among our churches, our share of the \$25,000, needed the coming year for the cause of Education.

Rev. J. W. Primrose, D. D. and Peter McIntyre were appointed a committee to assign trial pieces to Mr. T. H. Newkirk, with a view to his licensure.

The committee to organize a church near Outlaw's Bridge, reported that they had failed to do so, the way not being clear, and was discharged.

Ruling Elder George J. Moore, from Caswell church, appeared in Presbytery and was excused for tardiness.

Ruling Elders W. A. Faison, and George J. Moore were added, temporarily, to the committee of Home Missions.

The Agent of Sabbath Schools made a verbal report, which was approved.

Presbytery took recess for ten minutes.

Presbytery met and took up the order of the day and heard the trial sermon of Mr. W. M. Shaw, text, Heb. 5th chapter and 9th verse, and it was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Presbytery took recess until 1 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery met and a letter was read from Rev. James Kelly rendering satisfactory reasons for not attending this meeting.

Ruling Elder Warren Johnson, from Clinton church, appeared in Presbytery and was excused for tardiness.

Presbytery took up the order of the day: The free conversation on the state of religion, after which the committee to examine Mr. Letcher Smith on the Languages and Sciences,

reported they had done so, recommending that it be sustained as a satisfactory part of trial. Approved.

The committee appointed to apportion \$450.00 among our churches for the cause of Education made the following report, which was approved.

Beth Car,.....	\$ 8 00	Mt. Horeb.....	\$ 5 00
Black River,.....	8 00	Mt. Olive,.....	10 00
Burgaw,.....	5 00	Mt. Williams,.....	5 00
Clarkton,.....	10 00	Mt. Zion,.....	5 00
Caswell,.....	5 00	Morehead City,.....	1 00
Clinton,.....	10 00	Oakplain,.....	5 00
Pike,.....	5 00	Topsail,.....	3 00
Richard's,.....	2 00	Union,.....	10 00
Rockfish,.....	5 00	Warsaw,.....	2 00
Seminary,.....	2 00	Wilmington, Ist. Church,	240 00
South River,.....	5 00	St. Andrew's,.....	50 00
Sutton's Branch,.....	1 00	White Hall,.....	2 00
Chinquopin,.....	2 00	White Oak,.....	1 00
Cobb's Mills,.....	3 00	White Plains,.....	3 00
Duplin Road,.....	5 00	Whiteville,.....	5 00
Elizabethtown,.....	2 00	Keith,.....	2 00
Grove,.....	10 00	Bladenboro,.....	2 00
Harmony,.....	2 00	Croatan,.....	1 00
Hopewell,.....	5 00	Buelah,.....	3 00

#### TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Black River was selected as the place and 7:30 p. m. Wednesday April 1st, 1891, as the time for the next meeting of Presbytery.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee of Home Missions made the following report, which was received, approved and the recommendations of the same were adopted :

The Committee of Home Missions would respectfully report to Wilmington Presbytery in Fall Session of 1890 as follows:

During the protracted illness of the Chairman, Dr. Hoge, two efforts were made to secure a meeting of the Committee, which failed, for want of a quorum. Whatever may be lacking in this report is due to this fact. On Dec. 3rd, the Committee, as instructed, made an apportionment of \$600 among the churches to carry on the work of Presbytery. The Chairman sent envelopes to the churches notifying them at the same time of the several amounts required. We recommend,

First, The same apportionment for the year 1891.

Our Licentiate, Rev. Letcher Smith, has rendered good service preaching in the Topsail Richland and Jacksonville churches, and at three other points. We recommend

Secondly, The ordination of Mr. Smith as an Evangelist. We recommend,

Thirdly, The appointment of a Committee to visit Player's Chapel, to consider the expediency of a church organization at that point. We recommend,

Fourthly, That the appoinment of Rev. A. McFadyen to supply Elizabethtown, be continued till next meeting of Presbytery. We recommend,

Fifthly, That till the Spring meeting of Presbytery this Committee be authorized to send a monthly supply to Keith church which is now vacant. We recommend,

Sixthly, That Rev. K. McDonald continue till Spring Presbytery, to supply South River church.

In the absence of complete data we are unable to report the financial status of the work, but believe that all the obligations for the year are provided for amply,

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. PRIMROSE,  
CHAIRMAN PRO. TEM.

#### NARRATIVE TO SYNOD.

The Committee on the Narrative made the following report, which was approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod :

Your Committee on Narrative to Synod begs to submit the following report:

From a brief survey of the field we gather the following items: The churches generally are in a prosperous condition, religious zeal is steadily on the increase, the standard of morality is high and the piety of church members more evident, as the good seed sown bears fruit. Much of the good work done is accomplished in the Sunday Schools. A few churches report no schools, which is to be much regretted. A few churches report financial embarrassment and inability to meet obligations. These churches need stimulation. The missionary spirit is good. Special efforts to reach the classes beyond ordinary church influences have been made by several of our churches. This is encouraging. Nearly all the churches have had additions to their number during the year. Old buildings have been repaired and

new ones are in process of erection. Altogether we have much to thank God for, to take courage, and to make greater efforts after usefulness in this part of the Master's vineyard.

PETER MCINTYRE, }  
W. N. CAMPBELL, } COMMITTEE.  
W. B. WHITFIELD, }

Presbytery took recess for five minutes.

Presbytery met and heard the trial sermon of Licentiate Letcher Smith, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial. The different parts of trial, were as a whole, sustained, and Mr. Smith was ordained to the full work of the ministry, as an Evangelist, the Rev. Dr. J. W. Primrose conducting the services.

#### SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence submitted the following report, which was received, approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the Synod.

The Presbytery of Wilmington submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st 1890:

22	Churches	contributed	to	Sustentation, Fund,	-	\$	760	60
19	"	"	"	"	"	Evangelistic Fund,	-	1 884 42
19	"	"	"	"	"	Invalid Fund,	-	189 09
21	"	"	"	"	"	Foreign Missions,	-	2 113 26
16	"	"	"	"	"	Education,	-	156 49
14	"	"	"	"	"	Publication,	-	102 95
14	"	"	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute,	-	54 81
10	"	"	"	"	"	Miscellaneous,	-	7 552 00
Total,							-	\$12 812 62

Being \$6,048.13 more than was raised last year. Twenty-three churches reported and twelve of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the churches, and twenty-two to one or more of them, and sixteen churches made no report.

Revs. P. H. Hoge, D. D., D. B. Black and Ruling Elder W. T. Bannerman, were appointed a committee to visit Player's Chapel, as called for by the third recommendation of the report of the Committee of Home Missions.

The Treasurer pro. tem. made the following report of collections at this meeting :

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.	Assembly's Home Missions.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Synodical Evangelistic.	Presbyterial.	Educational.	Publication.
Elizabethtown .....	\$ 5 00	\$ 90	\$ 1 08	\$ 1 71	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Black River,.....	.....	3 30	15 10	3 05	4 00	.....	.....
Mt. Zion,.....	4 31	3 65	4 95	2 77	.....	.....	.....
Caswell,.....	1 30	1 30	2 00	.....	1 00	2 00	1 20
South River,.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell .....	3 13	1 75	4 00	1 67	.....	2 48	.....
Total,.....	\$ 13 71	\$10 90	\$32 13	\$ 9 20	\$ 5 00	\$ 4 48	\$ 1 20

## STATISTICAL REPORT.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report, which was received, approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod :

*To the Synod of North Carolina:*

The Presbytery of Wilmington reports :

I. 14 Ministers; 39 Churches; 6 Candidates; 2,515 Communicants; and Thirty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-two Dollars and Sixty-two cents (\$30,692 62), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1890, being \$4,468.13 more than was raised the year before.

II. 191 Members were added to the Churches during the year.

III. 1 Minister was transferred, viz: Rev. I. C. McMullen, to Presbytery of Albermarle, by action of last Synod.

IV. 1 Church received, viz: Croatan, by action of last Synod.

V. Churches transferred or dissolved, viz: Goldsboro transferred to Presbytery of Abermarle, by action of las Synod.

VI. Licentiates received, viz. Letcher Smith, October 16th, 1890.

VII. 1 Licentiate transferred, viz: Neal L. Anderson, October 16th, 1890.

VIII. 2 Candidates received, viz: George M. Mathis, April 17th, 1890, and Byron C. Clark, October 16th, 1890.

IX. 1 Ordination, viz: Letcher Smith, October 17th, 1890.

X. 3 Installations, viz: Rev. Peter McIntyre Duplin Road and

Grove Churches Nov. 25th and 26th, 1889, and Rev. A. McFadyen, Bladenboro church, May 13th, 1890.

XI. 14 Ministers in charge of 39 Churches; 7 Pastors; 4 Stated Supples; 3 Evangelists.

XII. \$689.91, average Salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches

XIII. 2 Manses, aggregate value, \$10000

XIII. No Minister or Church in one County, viz: Brunswick.

XIV. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Black River church on 1st, day April, 1891, at 7:30 p. m.

By order of Presbytery.

Attest:

A. McFADYEN,

STATED CLERK.

At Oakplain Church, on 17th day of October 1890

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator, during the meeting of Synod in Wilmington Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

J. D. STANFORD,

MODERATOR.

A. D. HICKS,  
J. W. FOUNTAIN, } TEMPORARY CLERKS.

A. McFADYEN,

STATED CLERK.

Oakplain, Sampson Co., No. Ca., October 17th, 1890.

MINUTES  
OF AN  
ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON,  
HELD AT  
FIRST CHURCH WILMINGTON, N. C.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., OCTOBER 24TH, 1890.

Presbytery met and was constituted with prayer by Rev. Peter McIntyre, the last Moderator present.

*Present:* Revs. B. F. Marable, D. D., A. McFadyen, G. W. McMillan, K. McDonald and Peter McIntyre, and Ruling Elder I. R. Faison, from Union church.

On motion the following resolution was adopted to wit: That all our Ministers doing evangelistic work be empowered to receive members by examination, directing them to join some church as members of the same.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at Black River church at 7:30 p. m., on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in April A. D., 1891.

Presbytery closed with prayer.

A. McFADYEN,  
STATED CLERK.

*Wm. H. Thompson*

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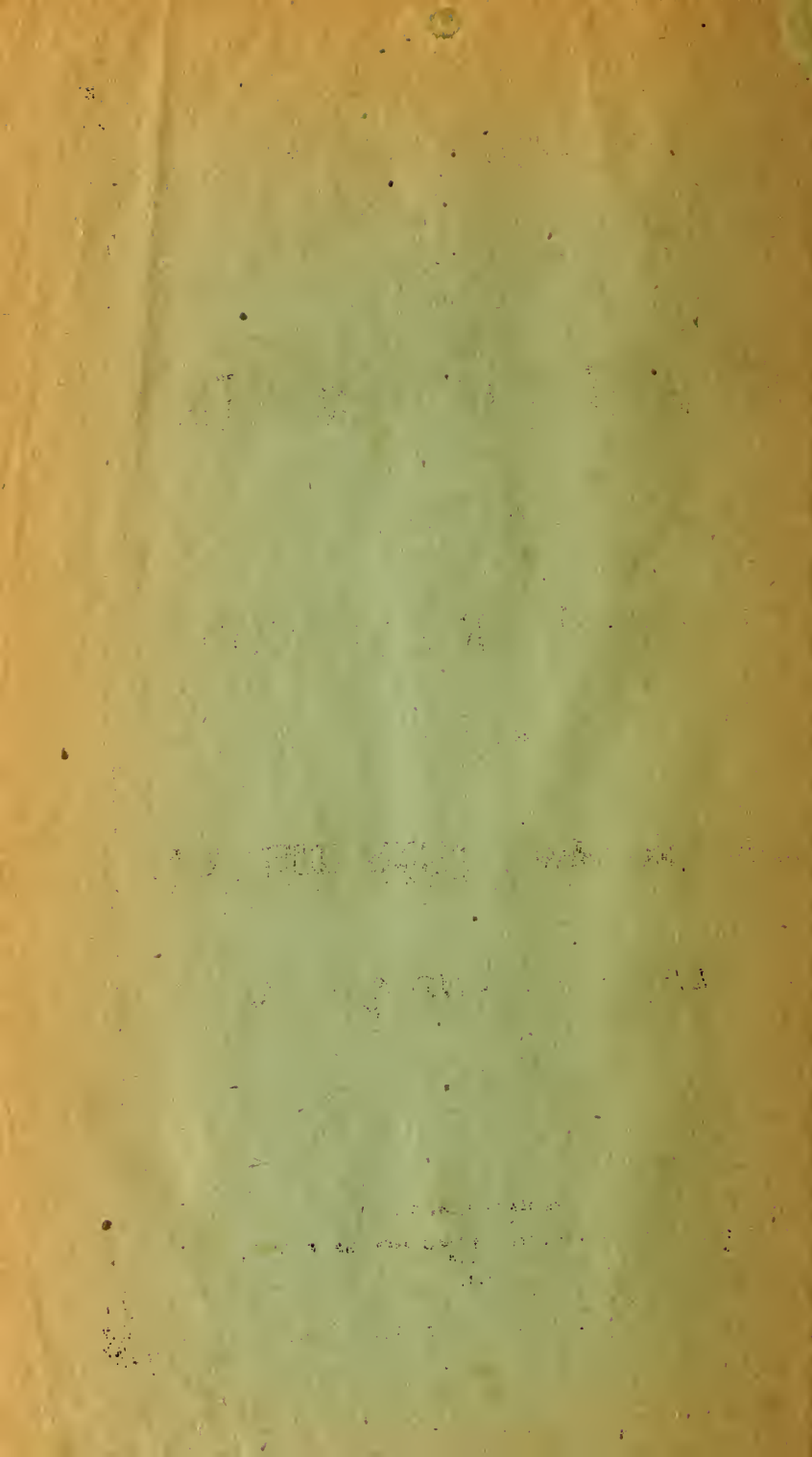
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*Apr 16. Goodday  
Bladenboro,  
Duplin Co.,  
S.C.*

## MINUTES.

BLACK RIVER CHURCH, SAMPSON COUNTY, No. Ca., }  
7:30 p. m. Wednesday, April 1st, 1891. }

Presbytery met and the opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Stanford from Mark 16th chapter and 15th verse. Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

### PRESENT.

MINISTERS.—Colin Shaw, James Kelly, A. McFadyen, G. W. McMillan, K. McDonald, P. H. Hoge, D. D., J. D. Stanford and W. McC. Miller.

RULING ELDERS.—James N. Corbett, Black River; Jas. E. Kelly, Bladenboro; James N. Henry, Caswell; M. H. Wooten, Cobb Mills; J. W. Carr, Duplin Road; M. D. McLeod, Elizabethtown, R. T. Sanders, Hopewell; R. W. Collins, Keith; N. W. Bonum, Oakplain; J. W. Boney, Roekfish; W. H. Sprunt, St. Andrews; A. D. Hieks, Union; and Richard Ellmore, White Hall.

Moderator and Clerks.

Rev. G. W. McMillan was elected Moderator and Ruling Elders M. H. Wooten and W. H. Sprunt, Temporary Clerks.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following partial report: That Presbytery meet at 9:30 a. m. on tomorrow and take recess at 11:30 a. m. to hear a sermon by Rev. A. McFadyen.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Rev. W. McC. Miller rendered a satisfactory excuse for absence from the last meeting.

### OVERTURE.

The following Overture to the General Assembly was presented by Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., and after an explanation by

him of the same it was docketed to be taken up at some time during this meeting.

TO THE VENERABLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES :

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully but earnestly overtures your Venerable body to send down to the Presbyteries for their consideration and action, the following amendments to Chapter VI of our Form of Government; the design of which is to remove those barriers for which no reason can be found either in the word of God or in the dictates of human expediency that now debar from our ministry many men who are qualified both by nature and by grace for the exercise of its functions, while at the same time ample provision is made for preserving the high standard of education which our church has always maintained, and for emphasizing certain requirements not now explicitly made but which are demanded for the fullest efficiency of the ministry in its high and holy calling, to wit:

In section 5 of the said chapter "Of the Ordination of Ministers," etc., so amend Article III as to omit all reference to scholastic requirements by omitting the word "philosophy" and the clause "the Greek and Hebrew languages and such other branches of learning as to the Presbytery shall appear requisite and as to his knowledge;" thus relegating the whole subject of scholastic requirements to the trials for licensure where it properly belongs; and to the same article after the words "discipline of the Church" add the following: "and as to his knowledge of the nature and contents of the Holy Scriptures and his ability to use them in the establishment of the truth and the refutation of error."

In section 6 "Of the Licensure of Probationers for the Gospel Ministry," at the end of Article III add the words "except as herein further provided." In Article IV after the words "Church government," add the words, "and on the nature and contents of the Holy Scriptures," and under the first head of the parts of trial omit the words "in Latin," as a useless anachronism destroying the practical value of that part of the trial.

And finally, for the whole of Article VI substitute the following: "Candidates who have not passed through the usual course of academical studies, and who, on account of age or other reasons, cannot, in the judgment of the Presbytery, profitably do so, shall be examined by the Presbytery as to their knowledge of the usual English branches; of the elements of theology; of the history, government and sacraments of the Church; and of the nature and contents of the Holy Scriptures. They shall also be required to present to Presbytery a discussion of a thesis on some common head of divinity, and an expository lecture and sermon, as required of other candidates. And

no candidate, except in extraordinary cases, shall be licensed until he shall have studied divinity at least one year under some approved teacher of theology; and whenever any Presbytery shall see reason to depart from this rule, it shall always make a record of the fact upon its minutes with the reasons therefor."

The Presbytery further overtures your venerable body to consider the whole subject of the relation of licensure to ordination and to formulate such modifications of the whole sections bearing upon those subjects as shall transfer the more exacting and rigid features of the examination of candidates with reference to their theological attainments from the trial for licensure to the trial for ordination.

To hear the report of the Committee of Home Missions was made the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

To hear the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was made the first order of the day for Friday afternoon.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. on to-morrow. Closed with prayer.

#### THURSDAY.

9:30 a. m. April 2nd, 1891.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A communication from our secretaries, Rev. Messrs Houston and Rankin, was referred to the Agent of Foreign Missions. Also one from Rev. Jas. Stacy, D. D., was placed in the hands of the Committee on the Sabbath.

A call from St. Andrew's church for the pastoral services of Rev. A. T. Graham was read and being found in order the said church was granted permission to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Maryland.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

NARRATIVE TO SYNOD.—Rev. P. McIntyre and Ruling Elder A. D. Hicks.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., and Ruling Elder Richard Ellmore.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—Ruling Elders W. H. Sprunt and J. E. Kelly.

SESSIONAL RECORDS—Committee No. 1.—Rev. C. Shaw and Ruling Elder J. W. Boney. Committee No. 2.—Rev. I. Kelly and Ruling Elder N. W. Bonum. Committee No. 3.—Rev. K. McDonald and Ruling Elder R. T. Sanders.

TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING.—Rev. J. D. Stanford and Ruling Elders M. D. McLeod and W. J. Cromartie.

The committee to visit Players chapel reported that owing to a misunderstanding they failed to meet at the time appointed. The report was approved and the committee was continued.

The committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported that they had discharged that duty and found the accounts correctly kept with the proper vouchers.

Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., and Ruling Elder M. H. Wooten were nominated Commissioners to the General Assembly and Rev. A. McFadyen and Ruling Elder James N. Corbett alternates.

On motion, Presbytery resolved to hear the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Committee in connection with the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

On motion, Presbytery elected the following agents and committees:

PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE.—Rev. Colin Shaw.

EDUCATION.—Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. Peter McIntyre.

COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS.—Revs P. H. Hoge, D. D., Colin Shaw, G. W. McMillan, W. McC. Miller, and Ruling Elders B. F. Hall, I. R. Faison and W. H. Sprunt.

COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH.—The Pastor of St. Andrews and Ruling Elder W. J. Cromartie.

MINUTES OF SYNOD AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Rev. K. McDonald and Ruling Elder James N. Corbett.

TO AUDIT THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.—Messrs. A. A. Willard, B. G. Worth and W. H. Sprunt.

At the request of the congregation the name of Sutton's Branch was changed to that of Hebron on our roll.

Rev. Peter McIntyre and Ruling Elder B. G. Worth, First church, Wilmington, R. J. Southerland, Mt. Olive, and J. H. Ballantine, Clarkton, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Ruling Elder B. G. Worth was chosen Treasurer pro. tem.

### OVERTURE.

The overture to the General Assembly was taken up and after remarks by Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., it was adopted and the Stated Clerk was ordered to forward a copy to the General Assembly.

The Committee on the Sabbath made the following report which was received, approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly :

Your Committee on the Sabbath respectfully presents the following report: The principal source of information on the matter of Sabbath Observance in our bounds must be the sessional reports. It is to be regretted that we look in vain to this source for such full and definite information on this important subject as is desirable.

Some of our churches make no report at all on the subject. Most of the sessions give very meagre and indefinite statements. Only a few churches afford such information as would enable your committee to present a full and satisfactory report. The expressions used in answering the question as to how the Sabbath is observed, range all the way from "very good," down through "only moderately well," to "very bad;" the great majority of them, however, are on the better side of the middle phrase. Combining the statements of their reports as far as given, and considering such facts as we have before us, the impressions resulting are expressed in the following general statements.

While none of the churches think that the Scriptural standard for the observance of the Sabbath is reached, yet the great mass of our own people keep the day holy, and seem alive to the dangers which threaten it in the popular tendency toward the continental views of the Sabbath. We are not far from that general desecration of the day which prevails among the worldly, and there is little or no abatement in the matter of Sunday travel, Sunday mails and pleasure seeking.

1. Your committee would respectfully suggest that the Presbytery earnestly call attention to that part of the report of the Assembly's Committee "urging upon our ministers the importance of keeping this subject continually before the minds of the people, and doing all in their power, by public and private instruction, as well as example, towards maintaining the sanctity of the day," and that "all our members, including Elders and Deacons, be enjoined to refrain from all use of the public conveyances on the Lord's day, and also patronizing the Sunday mail and newspapers," and further that the sessions be careful to regard the instructions of the Assembly requiring them

"to incorporate their matter of Sabbath observance in their annual reports."

2. That Presbytery expresses its entire sympathy with the American Sabbath Union, and all similar organizations, in their efforts to secure a proper observance of the Lord's day, and declares its readiness to support actively all Scriptural measures looking to the preservation of this precious, divine institution.

3. That your committee be empowered to fill out and return the blank forms sent by the chairman of the Assembly's committee.

W. McC. MILLER,  
Chairman.

The annual report of the Treasurer was received and approved and is printed as an appendix to the minutes.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial report that we take recess to meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure, and that the Rev. P. McIntyre preach to-night. The report was approved and Presbytery took recess.

2 P. M.

Presbytery met and the Rev. D. B. Black and Ruling Elders J. H. Moore, Burgaw, and C. S. Tait, Pike, appeared in Presbytery and were excused for tardiness.

Ruling Elder J. H. Moore was put on Committee No. 3 on Sessional Records in place of Rev. K. McDonald.

Committee No. 2 on Sessional Records submitted their report which was approved and is as follows:

Committee No. 2 on Sessional Records report that the records of Bladenboro, Clarkton, Clinton, Harmony, Keith and White Hall churches were examined and ask that the same be approved with these exceptions. The records of Harmony have not been submitted to Presbytery since April 1889, and the reports to Presbytery are not recorded. In the records of several of the meetings of the Clinton session it is not recorded that the session was opened with prayer and in one instance it is stated that the session was not opened with prayer. In the records of Keith church reports to Presbytery are not recorded. The records of White Hall church were not submitted to Presbytery since April 1889, and the reports to Presbytery are not recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES KELLY, } Committee.  
N. W. BONTM, }

Committee No. 3 on Sessional Records report that they have examined the records of the following churches: Burgaw, Duplin Road, Pike, Union, South River, Topsail and Whiteville, and recommend their approval with the following exceptions: Duplin Road session is not opened with prayer; Burgaw, Pike, Union and South River reports to Presbytery are not recorded. Topsail, March 7th, 1891, session not closed with prayer. We find the records well kept.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. SANDERS, }  
J. H. MOORE } Committee.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee of Home Missions made their report which was received and approved and the recommendations of the same were adopted. The following is the report:

The Committee of Home Missions respectfully submits its report for the year ending March 31st, 1891, as follows:

##### I PRESBYTERIAL WORK.

1. Financial. The balance to the credit of this fund in the hands of the Treasurer of Presbytery April 1st, 1890, was \$512.32, received afterwards on apportionment of 1890, \$144.02; in addition to this the committee drew from a special fund for Onslow county \$100, giving for the work of 1890, \$757.24. Of this amount \$105 was appropriated for Church erection as reported last Spring; other appropriations for 1890 were as follows: Rev. Colin Shaw, \$50; Rev. G. W. McMillan, \$6.25; Rev. J. J. Hines, \$18.75 (three months); Rev. J. D. Stanford, \$75; Rev. Letcher Smith, \$233.33; total \$633.35; leaving a balance toward the work of 1891, of \$15.91. There had been received when the treasurer's books closed March 15th, on the apportionment for the present year, \$399.86. Of this \$66.67 has been paid Rev. Letcher Smith on his year's salary and \$3.00 has been spent in travelling expenses by the chairman; leaving a balance as according to treasurer's report, of \$349.19. There has been received since March 15th, and prior to April 1st, when the ecclesiastical year closes, \$103.16, which brings the amount received in 1891 up to \$503.02, against \$507.61 received at the same date last year. Of the twenty churches that have reported six churches equalled their apportionment, viz: Black River, Burgaw, Mt. Horeb, Warsaw, Whiteville and Wilmington First; seven exceeded it, viz: Bethcar, Duplin Road, Hopewell, Jacksonville, Rockfish, St. Andrews, South River; and seven fell below it, viz: Gardenboro, Cobb Mills, Croatan, Elizabethtown, Mt. Olive, Pike, Topsail. In all but two cases the variations from the apportionment were small, but St. Andrews exceeded its apportionment of \$75 by \$5.10, and Mt. Olive fell below its apportionment of \$15 by \$10.86.\*

The total excesses were \$24 98, and deficiencies \$26 96, making a net loss on the apportionment from the churches that have reported of \$1.98. It is hoped that some of these churches will make up their deficiencies, so that the work of Home Missions and not the delinquent churches will be benefitted by the liberality of others. There are nineteen churches that have not reported and the amount of their apportionment is \$140. The committee needs every dollar of this money to do the work for which there is immediate necessity, and if it had twice the whole sum would still be unable adequately to supply crying needs.

2. Vacant Churches. The churches of Topsail, Jacksonville and Richlands have been supplied by the election of an evangelist to that field; Keith, Warsaw and St. Andrews are vacant and have had occasional supply. Other churches, technically vacant, have had stated supplies reporting direct to Presbytery.

3. Evangelistic. The First church, Wilmington, has continued its evangelistic work under the care of Rev. W. McC. Miller with increasing success. The cost of the work, exclusive of the chapel mentioned below has this year been \$1,244.57. Rev. J. D. Stanford, elected at last Presbytery evangelist of the Duplin county field has labored therein throughout the year, supplying five organized churches and five mission points. Rev. Letcher Smith was received as a licentiate for the Onslow field and ordained evangelist at the Fall meeting of Presbytery. He supplies regularly three organized churches and three mission points. Other ministers, not evangelists, have done evangelistic work as follows: Rev. A. McFadyen at three points, Rev. D. B. Black at one, and Rev. Colin Shaw at one.

3. Church Erection. Of the three churches mentioned as in process of construction last year, Warsaw and Sutton's Branch have been occupied; we have no report from Morehead City; of the three projected, none have materialized; Harmony has obtained the use of a school house at Kerr's, the chapel at Currie has been abandoned, and the church at Jacksonville has been delayed. The First church, Wilmington, has erected a beautiful and commodious chapel for the better accommodation of its mission on which it has paid out \$3,000.09. The church at Chinquepin was destroyed by fire during the year, and the congregation are making efforts to rebuild. There was \$126 contributed by special subscription in the First church, Wilmington, to the erection and improvement of churches in the Presbytery.

4. Miscellaneous. The committee, as directed last year, investigated the practicability of a rearrangement of Dr. Marable's field, as the result of which his residence was removed to Clinton, and he gave two Sundays to that church, and one to Mt. Olive, leaving Warsaw vacant. While this arrangement did not meet the committee's idea of having two men to work in one field, it was the best that was practicable and met the urgent need of a resident minister at Clinton.

## II. SYNODICAL WORK.

1. The amount in the hands of the treasurer April 1st, 1890, for this cause was \$82.19, which was subsequently increased by the balance still due from the February collection in the First church, Wilmington, to \$102 36. This with the amounts collected by Dr. Morton in his first visit to the Presbytery, and credited by the Synod to our apportionment, cancelled our obligations to this cause up to the meeting of Synod, when a new apportionment was made by the Synod, and Wilmington Presbytery was asked to raise \$450, with the provision that the amounts collected by the evangelists should be credited to the account. To the June collection twenty-four churches contributed, realizing \$126.17; the February collection in Wilmington First was \$200, and the collections by the evangelists amounted to \$174.94—total \$501.91. The June collection this year will all go towards making the payments of the next Synodical year, and should be large and liberal to meet the growing demands of this most important work. To the new movement inaugurated at the last Synod, members of this Presbytery subscribed \$610, of which \$440 has already been paid in. The total contributions to this work in Wilmington Presbytery from April 1st, 1890, to April 1st, 1891, have been \$967 28.

2. Work in our bounds. Dr. Morton and Mr. Maxwell labored within our bounds from January 11th, to March 2nd, inclusive. The general plan of the work was for Mr. Maxwell to precede Dr. Morton by a few days, holding services and visiting the people, and on Dr. Morton's arrival to work with him a few days, and then leave him to finish the meeting alone while he went on to prepare the way at the next place. Eight protracted meetings were held in nine churches (Rockfish and Duplin Roads uniting in one meeting). The other churches were Whiteplains, Whiteville, St. Andrew's, Jacksonville, Richlands, Oak Plain, and White Hall. There was one service held each in the First church, Wilmington, and in Union church. At Whiteplains, Richlands, Duplin Roads, Rockfish and Oak Plain there were marked manifestations of revival not only in the confessions of faith but in reclamation of backsliders, and the quickening of Christians. There were marks of blessing at the other churches but such as cannot be expressed in figures. Besides the money raised for Synodical work, there was something done to quicken congregations with regard to their obligations to their pastors, and to the cause of Home Missions in the Presbytery. The number of services held by Dr. Morton was 90, by Mr. Maxwell 73, by the chairman of the Home Mission Committee 4, total 167, number of pastoral visits made by Dr. Morton 70, by Mr. Maxwell 84, total 154; confessions 70, added to the churches 64.

Your committee takes pleasure in reporting that in the increase of the evangelistic force since the last meeting of Synod, one evangelist

has been allotted exclusively to Albemarle and Wilmington Presbyteries, and that Rev. J. C. McMullen, so recently our co-presbyter, has been appointed to that work. He will labor in this Presbytery at least one-third of his time, and your committee confidently expects that his work will enable us, with the blessing of God, to solve some of the most serious problems that confront us in the cultivation of our field.

### III. ASSEMBLY'S WORK.

1. Our Presbytery has contributed to the general Home Mission work of the Church \$285.40. None of this is expended within our bounds, but goes to help in the frontier settlements and more destitute portions of our Southern Church.

2. For the Invalid Fund the Presbytery has contributed \$306.36. Of this amount \$110 has been received for Mrs. C. M. Monroe, \$16.67 of which was for a balance due from last year, the same amount being still due this year.

3. For the Colored Evangelistic Fund, including the support of Tuscaloosa Institute, our Presbytery has contributed \$117.49—none of which is expended within our bounds.

The collections for these causes present a most gratifying increase over last year, amounting in the aggregate to \$329.12, a gain of 86 per cent. The collections for Colored Evangelization show a gain of 442 per cent over last year. As the report on Systematic Beneficence will show, there is a marked increase in the number of churches contributing as well as in the amount of the contributions. This is doubtless due to the plan of Systematic Beneficence adopted last Spring.

### SUMMARY.

The total of all contributions in the Presbytery for all forms of Home Missions (not including Invalid Fund and Colored Evangelization) was \$6,263.23 as against \$2,845.12 last year, a gain of \$3,423.16. If we omit the Mission chapel which is the result of a special effort not repeated every year, the gain is \$423.07.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1 That Rev. J. D. Stanford and Rev. Letcher Smith be re-elected Evangelists of their respective fields.

2. That the counties of Jones, Carteret and that part of Craven lying within our Presbytery comprising Seminary, Croatan and Morehead City churches, be erected into a new evangelistic field, and that the committee be directed to use as much of Mr. McMullen's time as practicable in working up that field, and to employ Mr. T. H. Newkirk in that field for his vacation.

3. That the committee be directed to inquire into the practicability of so dividing the group of churches consisting of Mr. McEadyen's pastoral charge and the churches of Elizabethtown, South River and Whiteplains, as to make two complete pastoral charges, the commit-

tee to report to a called meeting of Presbytery if there is a necessity for action.

4. That Presbytery appoint a commission to visit Richlands and Keith churches with full powers to investigate their condition administer discipline and in all respects perform the duties of a session if the way be not clear for the sessions themselves to act.

5. That Rev. Colin Shaw be appointed to supply Warsaw church until the next meeting of Presbytery.

6. That the "Home Missionary" the organ of the Assembly's Committee, be commended to our ministers, elders and members, and that all our churches be urged to take up the collection for Assembly's Home Missions, Invalid Fund and Colored Evangelization.

PEYTON H HOGE,  
Chairman.

Adopted by Presbytery.

On motion, Presbytery resolved not to hold any session to-night.

The roll of churches was called to answer the questions: Have you paid your contingent assessment and have you complied with the law of the Presbytery in regard to your finances, adopted at the Spring session, 1887?

Black River and Elizabethtown churches were released from the payment of arrears to the Contingent Fund and their annual apportionment for this cause was reduced to \$10 and \$3 respectively.

John R. Bannerman, Ruling Elder from Mt. Williams, appeared in Presbytery and was excused for tardiness.

South River church was released from all arrears to the Contingent Fund up to the present year and their annual contribution to this cause was reduced to \$10.

The Contingent Assessment of the Whiteville church was reduced to \$7.

A communication from the session of Burgaw church and others recommending the licensure of James H. Moore, Ruling Elder of that church, to preach the gospel was read and answer was given that Presbytery would consider it when Mr. Moore's consent is obtained.

Candidate W. M. Shaw was examined on Ecclesiastical History which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. on to-morrow.  
Closed with prayer.

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### FRIDAY.

9:30 a. m. April 3rd, 1891.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

#### NARRATIVE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Committee on the Narrative of the state of religion made the following report, which was received and approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

Your Committee on Narrative beg leave to submit the following report: After a careful survey we feel that much good has been accomplished the past year. With few exceptions the official fidelity and attendance on the service of the sanctuary is reported good.

Nine churches report special outpouring of the Holy Ghost; and twenty-four churches have had additions to the communion, the membership of several being largely increased.

Indications are that there is a steady improvement in the Christian deportment, growth in grace and fidelity in church work.

It is to be regretted that catechetical instruction and family worship is much neglected. We cannot see any improvement on these lines.

The general observance of the Sabbath is gratifying. A majority of our churches are steadily developing the spirit of honoring the Lord with their substance. Several congregations, however, need a waking on this subject.

There is a satisfactory diminution of intemperance, worldly amusements and other sin. Our churches are doing little in behalf of the colored people.

The destitute in our midst are not by any means forgotten.

Generally a healthy moral tone is evident and a disposition to do something for the Master's sake is everywhere noticeable.

PETER MCINTYRE, { Committee.  
A. D. HICKS, }

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#### MINUTES OF SYNOD AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The committee to examine the minutes of Synod and General Assembly made their report which was received, approved and is as follows:

Your committee to examine the minutes of Synod and General Assembly would (1) call attention to the action of Synod in reference to diffusing missionary intelligence among our people, (page 420); (2) to

the recommendation to require all our churches to take up a collection for the Home on Thanksgiving day (page 426); (3) on page 423 to the second resolution in reference to ministerial support. Then on page 42 to the amount that this Presbytery is to raise for evangelistic work, (\$450.) As to the minutes of General Assembly, the first thing we find enjoined by the Assembly is to place the Bible cause among the objects of Beneficence (page 11): (2) on page 32 we are called upon to help raise \$115,000 for Foreign Missions during the year, and for Education \$25,000 (page 42). And would respectfully call the attention of Presbytery to the 6th and 7th sections in the Sabbath report, (page 49) and ask the careful reading by the brethren and presentation of it to all our churches. Lastly we call attention to the report adopted by the Assembly with reference to our brother in black

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

K. McDONALD,  
Chairman.

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The committee to examine Candidate W. M. Shaw on Greek and Hebrew reported that they had done so, recommending its approval as a satisfactory part of trial. The report was received and approved and Presbytery took order for his licensure immediately after the sermon to-day.

The Committee on the Time and Place of the next meeting reported that they were unable to agree as there were three churches making application for it and referred the matter back to Presbytery. The report was received and approved and White Hall was selected as the place and 7:30 p. m. Thursday 15th day of October next as the time for the next meeting of the Presbytery.

J. C. McMillan, Ruling Elder Mt. Zion church, appeared in Presbytery and was excused for tardiness.

The Committee on Ministerial Support made their report which was received and approved as amended, and is as follows:

## PROCEEDINGS OF

NAME OF CHURCHES.	Resident Communicants.	Pastor or Stated Sup. p. y.	TIME ENGAGED.	Salary Promised.	Salary Still Due.	NAME OF PASTOR OR SUPPLY.
Cobb Mills.....	60	Stated Supply..	One-fourth.....	\$ 100	\$.....	Rev. J. D. Stanford.
White Hall.....	60	" " " "	" " " "	50	20	" " "
Chinquapin.....	80	" " " "	" " " "	50	35	" " "
Mount Olive.....	43	" " " "	" " " "	800	.....	" B. F. Marble, D. D.
Wolfeville.....	46	Pastor.....	One-half.....	2.5	47	" G. W. McMillan.
Keith.....	22	Neither.....	" " " "	.....	.....	" K. McDonald.
South River.....	57	Stated Supply..	One-fourth.....	None.....	.....	" " "
Caswell.....	44	Pastor.....	" " " "	125	.....	" " "
Black River.....	75	" " " "	" " " "	125	.....	" " "
Knockfish.....	73	" " " "	" " " "	150	50	" D. B. Black.
Pike.....	59	" " " "	" " " "	100	30 75	" " "
Hopewell.....	109	Stated Supply..	" " " "	100	.....	" " "
Buttaw.....	40	" " " "	" " " "	150	.....	" " "
Oak Plains.....	70	" " " "	" " " "	80 65	.....	" Colin Shaw.
Mount Williams.....	65	" " " "	" " " "	100	13	" " "
Mount Zion.....	81	" " " "	" " " "	100	.....	" L. Smith.
Richlands.....	29	" " " "	" " " "	50	.....	" " "
Topsail.....	65	" " " "	" " " "	175	.....	" " "
Jacksonville.....	19	" " " "	one-half.....	75	.....	" P. McInyre.
Grove.....	84	Pastor.....	One-fourth.....	180	21 50	" " "
Dolphin Head.....	60	" " " "	" " " "	150	.....	" " "
Union.....	89	" " " "	One-half.....	300	.....	" P. H. Hoge, D. D.
Fits Church, Wilmington..	265	" " " "	All.....	8,000	.....	" " "
St. Andrew s.....	206	Neither at presnt	All, when have a Pastor ..	1,500	.....	" A. McFayen.
Bedford.....	50	Pastor.....	One-fourth.....	200	.....	" " "
Bladenboro.....	23	" " " "	" " " "	100	.....	" " "
Mont H. Horeh.....	54	" " " "	" " " "	200	.....	" " "
Clarkton.....	207	" " " "	One-half.....	400	.....	" " "
Elizabethtown.....	18	Stated Supply..	Once a month at night and both Sabbaths	50	.....	" " "
White Plains.....	91	" " " "	One-fourth.....	100	70	" J. mes Kelly.
Total.....	2,314			\$ 8,285		

Leaving out the two churches in Wilmington and we have a total of 1,873 communicants promising salaries aggregating only \$3,735 or not quite \$2 a member.

It will be observed from the above list that thirty of the thirty-nine churches in this Presbytery have made reports against twenty-two last year

Exceptions are taken to the following churches: Whiteville, Rockfish, White Hall, Grove, Chinquepin, White Plains, Pike and Mt. Williams for failure to pay salary promised, particularly Rockfish, White Hall, Chinquepin and Pike as their reports show at least one-third of salary still unpaid.

Your committee would recommend that a committee be appointed to arrange for the annual visitation of our churches for the purpose of ascertaining their financial condition and that the committee shall have power to arrange the churches into groups, to appoint sub-committees who shall visit our congregations, to arrange a list of suitable questions to be propounded by the sub-committees to the congregation and to make an annual statement of the result of said visitations. The sub committees shall have power to appoint times and places of said visitations, to give such advice as they deem best to delinquent congregations, and they shall report to the Presbyterial committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SPRUNT, }  
J. E. KELLY, } Committee.

Ruling Elder A. Hobbs from Clinton church appeared in Presbytery and was excused for tardiness.

#### SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence submitted the following report which was received, approved and a copy ordered to be sent to the General Assembly:

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence would respectfully report to the Presbytery of Wilmington as follows:

28	churches	have	contributed	to	Sustentation,	.....	\$ 219 07
28	"	"	"	"	Evangelistic Labor,	.....	287 75
26	"	"	"	"	Invalid Fund,	.....	304 08
24	"	"	"	"	Foreign Missions,	.....	2491 58
24	"	"	"	"	Education,	.....	525 73
21	"	"	"	"	Publication,	.....	146 15
23	"	"	"	"	Colored Evangelization,	.....	128 24
28	"	"	"	"	Church Erection,	.....	3294 32

Total,.....\$9796 92

19 churches have contributed to all the causes.

3 " " " " seven of the causes.

2 " " " " six " "

1 church " " " five " "

4 churches " " " three " "

2 " " " " none " "

From 8 churches we have received no report: some of these have contributed to at least some of the causes.

The above figures have been arrived at (1) by dividing the amounts given to Presbyterian Missions so that of every \$5, \$1 goes to Sustentation; \$3 to Evangelistic Labor; and \$1 to Church Erection, this being the proportion in which the committee has appropriated it; (2) by dividing the amounts given to Assembly's Home Missions, so that of every \$5, \$2 goes to Sustentation, \$2 to Evangelistic Labor, and \$1 to Church Erection, this being approximately the proportion in which the Assembly's Committee divided it; (3) by setting down the whole amounts given to Synodical Evangelization to Evangelistic Labor; (4) by setting down special contributions to the particular department for which they were given.

Your committee further notes

(1) That a larger portion of churches have contributed to all the causes than ever before.

(2) That the contributions are larger than ever before.

(3) That the churches that report omitted collections, generally attribute it to bad weather at the appointed time for taking it.

The committee would recommend

1. That the same plan be used as last year and that the Stated Clerk be instructed immediately to supply the churches with envelopes and the officers be directed to distribute them among their members.

2. That our ministers be directed to instruct their people in the duty of laying by them in store on the first day of the week (1 Cor. xvi: 2) even when they are unable to come to Divine worship, and that the envelopes so filled can be handed in at the next preaching service.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

PEYTON H. HOGE,  
Chairman.

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#### EDUCATION.

The report of the agent of Education was received and approved and is as follows:

The preacher must ever remain the leading agency in giving the gospel to the world. Other agencies are of greater or less importance; but multiply them, and magnify them as we may, nothing can take the place of him who with tongue and lip declares the way of the "great salvation." The greatest weakness of our churches at this

time is the weakness of its ministerial force. Its greatest need is the need of increasing that force. This will appear with but a glance at our record. For the fifteen years ending 1889, the annual average of ordination in our Assembly was 30. The annual average of loss by death was 17, this leaving an average gain of our ministerial force of 13. Of these at least 3 are required for the foreign field. Thus the net gain for our home field is 10. Now we have in the Assembly 50 vacant churches. So that with our present rate of increase, it will require fifty years to SUPPLY OUR VACANCIES—to occupy the ground already acquired. This will leave the church for a half century, with absolutely no force for aggressive work in the home field, and if any is done, it must be done by vacating churches already established—by abandoning territory already acquired. This will be to keep up the appearance of work with no real gain. With the present rate of increase therefore, of our ministerial force, the church can hope to do but little more in the next fifty years than to hold the ground already acquired. In the meantime the population of this country will have increased probably to 100,000,000. With this statement of facts, who can doubt that our greatest need is a large increase of our ministerial force, if we would meet our obligations to the great head of the church and supply the wants of the perishing world around us. We MUST HAVE MORE PREACHERS. This subject demands the immediate and earnest attention of this Presbytery and the whole church.

The young men under care of this Presbytery are as follows:

Mr. T. H. Newkirk at Union Seminary, 2nd year.

Mr. B. C. Clark at “ “ 1st year

Mr. L. E. Wells at Davidson College Fresh class.

Mr. G. M. Mathis “ “

Mr. Laurence Ballard at school in Kinston.

Mr. W. M. Shaw teaching in Kenansville

The appropriation asked of the Assembly committee for the present year was \$300; \$100 each for Messrs. Newkirk, Wells and Mathis. This appropriation though nearly double the amount we have been raising for this cause was readily made. At its last meeting Presbytery asked our churches to raise \$450 for this cause. Of that amount the Treasurer reports \$269.72.

B. F. MARABLE,  
Agent.

The Rev. Dr. Marable was excused for not attending this meeting on account of ill health.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The agent of Sabbath-school made his report which was received, approved and the recommendations appended thereto were adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. The following is the report:

Your agent for Sabbath-schools begs leave to submit the following annual report:

Twenty-five churches report 28 schools with 223 teachers and 1648 scholars.

Of these scholars 115 were received in the communion of the church

Twenty-two schools contributed for their own purposes \$592.33 and 13 contributed \$200.49 for other purposes.

The instruction given seems well up to the mark and our ministers are doing what they can to further the school work.

In June A. D. 1890, a Presbyterian Sabbath-school convention was held at Burgaw, Pender county.

This convention was interesting, enthusiastic and productive of good. We were largely indebted for the success of this meeting to our brethren and sisters of the Wilmington churches.

Your agent feeling his inability under the present arrangement to greatly facilitate the Sabbath school cause in our Presbytery submits the following recommendations; believing that their adoption will lead to good results.

1st. That Presbytery adopt the recommendation of Synod empowering presbyterial agents to appoint sub-agents who shall co-operate with the general agent

2nd. That Presbytery appropriate from year to year a sum of money sufficient to defray expenses incidental to the holding of Sabbath-school conventions.

The following is the tabular statement to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

CHURCHES.	NUMBER ON ROLL.		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.		NO. ADMITTED TO THE LORD'S TABLE.		AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.	For own Use.	Other Purposes.
Burgaw.....	6	70	4	40	.....	.....	\$ 10 13	\$ 17 94
Pike.....	8	37	5	20	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Union.....	8	66	8	50	.....	3	27 73	28 43
Bladenboro.....	3	23	3	23	.....	.....	9 03	7 39
Mount Olive, 1.....	10	65	9	49	.....	.....	49 43	3 00
" 2.....	11	90	10	75	.....	.....	2 40	1 75
Topsail.....	7	37	4	25	.....	.....	2 75	1 05
Oak Plains.....	5	40	4	15	.....	3	8 00	12 50
White Hall.....	4	30	4	30	.....	3	.....	.....
St. Andrews.....	30	170	23	125	.....	5	181 00	27 00
Hopewell.....	8	40	6	30	.....	1	2 00	.....
South River.....	2	23	2	20	.....	1	.....	2 00
Grove.....	10	72	8	40	.....	5	16 00	.....
Mount Williams.....	7	41	5	39	.....	1	5 10	6 12
First Church, Wilmington, 1.....	26	165	24	125	.....	6	166 62	63 85
" 2.....	15	75	13	63	.....	.....	34 32	45 00
Duplin Road.....	4	50	3	35	.....	14	17 58	.....
Chinquepin.....	3	60	3	40	.....	20	1 75	.....
White Plains.....	9	92	9	70	.....	20	7 50	.....
Mount Horeb.....	3	16	3	12	.....	5	5 00	.....
Clarkton.....	14	142	12	130	.....	30	9 4	2 40
Black River.....	4	30	4	20	.....	2	.....	.....
Elizabethtown.....	4	28	2	12	.....	.....	55 00	.....
Whiteville.....	3	37	3	27	.....	.....	19 31	.....
Bethcar, 1.....	1	8	1	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
" 2.....	2	15	2	12	.....	12	.....	.....
" 3.....	2	15	2	12	.....	2	.....	.....
Clinton.....	10	83	8	55	.....	.....	71 34	.....
Mount Zion.....	4	23	3	16	.....	4	9 80	.....
Total.....	213	1648	189	1278	.....	137	\$ 663 07	\$ 217 83

Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., and Ruling Elder M. H. Wooten were elected commissioners to the General Assembly, and Rev. A. McFadyen and Ruling Elder Jas. N. Corbett alternates.

Presbytery took recess to hear a sermon by Rev. P. H. Hoge D. D.,

After the sermon Presbytery met and licensed W. M. Shaw, as a probationer for the gospel ministry.

Presbytery took recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### FRIDAY 2 P. M.

Presbytery met and heard the report of Committee No. 1 on Sessional Records which was received and approved and is as follows:

Your Committee would report that we have examined the Records of the following churches Mt. Zion, Warsaw, Oakplain, and Hopewell and recommend their approval with the exception that in the records of Oakplain and Hopewell only the statistical report is recorded and no report from Deacons to Session is mentioned.

Respectfully submitted

C. SHAW.  
J. W. BONEY } Committee.

Ruling Elders M. H. Wooten and R. W. Collins were granted leave of absence after 3 p. m. to-day.

Presbytery then took up the order of the day—namely to hear the report of the agent of Foreign Missions which was received and approved and after remarks by different members of the body the recommendation of the same were adopted.

The following is the report.

Your agent for Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following report: While it must be humbly confessed that the church is yet far from having attained to the full measure of her duty in the great cause of Foreign Missions, still thanksgivings to God should mingle with our penitent confessions that He is awaking the church more and more to the call of her Lord and the demands of the work. You will be especially grateful at the evidences which this report will show that we are sharing with the whole church in this general gracious spirit of revival. This year's statistics indicate decided advancement and marked improvement on any previous year. 28 of our 39 churches are reported as contributing to this cause as against 24 last year. The following table gives the aggregate of contributions from each of our churches with their Foreign Missionary Societies and Sunday-schools:

CHURCHES.	Resident Members.	Missionary Societies.	Amount Contributed.
Bethcar.....	50	1	\$ 10 31
Black River.....	75		18 85
Beulah.....			
Bladenboro.....	23		8 45
Burgaw.....	49	1	21 04
Caswell.....	43		2 00
Chinquepin.....	90		
Clarkton.....	207	2	92 41
Clinton.....	76	1	60 00
Cobb Mills.....	60		
Croatan.....			
Duplin Road.....	62	1	22 22
Elizabethtown.....	18		1 08
Grove.....	84	1	30 00
Harmony.....			
Hopewell.....	109	1	11 94
Jacksonville.....			1 00
Keith.....	22		80
Mt. Horeb.....	54	1	29 00
Mt. Olive.....	47		17 62
Mt. Zion.....	80		4 95
Mt. Willirms.....	65	1	9 22
Morehead Cty.....			5 53
Oakplain.....	60		8 62
Pike.....	59		2 93
Richland.....	20		95
Rockfish.....	70		17 20
Seminary.....			
South River.....	57		19 50
St. Andrews.....	26	1	305 00
Sutton's Branch.....			
Topsail.....	60	1	19 33
Union.....	85		23 85
Warsaw.....			
White Hall.....	61		
White Plains.....	80		1 53
Whiteville.....	46	1	36 16
White Oak.....			
First Church, Wilmington.....	365	2	1730 81
.....			\$2576 47

The communication to the Presbytery from the General Secretary informs you as to the present condition and rapid progress of the work. Though the committee came out clear of debt last year, yet the fact that thirteen missionaries were sent out last year and the further fact that the number of persons offering is greater than in any previous year, creates a demand for a much larger increase in contributions than was made this year over last. One great means of securing this desirable result is by thoroughly informing our people.

The value of our excellent Missionary magazine in accomplishing this end can hardly be overestimated, therefore we reiterate the conviction so often expressed by all our leaders in this cause that every effort ought to be put forth to place a copy of it in every family of our church. Again, the children in the family and in the Sunday-school should be instructed as to Foreign Missions, and be trained to give to this cause.

The great value of the Ladies' Missionary Societies as an agency in this work is now fully recognized; they have received the endorsement of the church, and are worthy of our warmest support and encouragement. The fact that this year they have contributed more than one third of the whole amount reported, demonstrates their importance and efficiency. The Womans' Foreign Missionary Committee appointed at the last Spring meeting of Presbytery has wrought zealously and effectively in accomplishing its objects. The excellent report of its chairman herewith submitted speaks for itself.

Pastors and sessions in their regular ministrations should be diligent to instruct their people on this subject. The last Synod recognized the need of special meetings also for the consideration of the cause, and instructed its committee to prepare a programme of simultaneous meetings throughout the Synod. We now have the plans and suggestions of this committee as to these meetings. Your Agent would recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

1. That we gratefully acknowledge God's blessing upon this great cause during the past year, and do implore yet larger measures of His spirit.

2. That in accordance with the injunctions of Synod, "a special effort be made to diffuse missionary intelligence during the current year, by circulating the 'Missionary' among our people, and that sessions appoint a suitable agent in each church to canvass for subscriptions to the 'Missionary,' and that the sessions inform the Presbyterial Agent of the name and address of this congregational agent."

3. That the Presbytery acknowledges the valuable labor of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Committee, commends their diligence, promise all encouragement and help in their good work, approves their report, and reappoints the present committee, viz: Mrs. B. F. Hall, chairman; Mrs. R. N. Sweet, Mrs. W. J. Smith, Wilmington; Miss Mary Anderson, Clinton; Mrs. Joseph Archer, Kenansville; Mrs. D. G. Robeson, Westbrook, and Mrs. P. J. Flemington, Faisons.

4. That special effort be made this year largely to increase our contributions to this cause, and that to this end, Pastors and sessions earnestly appeal to every member of their churches to contribute to the full measure of their ability.

5. That we adopt the general plan and suggestions of Synod's committee as to the time and manner of holding the simultaneous meetings. That the churches be divided into the four groups named be

low, and the ministers assigned to each group, visit successively each church in their group, beginning on Monday, the 27th of April, and continuing through the week, and that each minister preach at his regular appointment on the 26th of April on the subject of Foreign Missions.

## I.

1. Caswell; 2. Black River, Harmony; 3. South River; 4. Elizabethtown, Bethcar, Mt. Horeb; 5. Clarkton, White Plains, Bladenboro, 6. Whiteville—McFadyen, Chairman, McDonald, McMillan, Kelly:

## II.

1. Topsail; 2. Jacksonville; 3. Richland; 4. Chinquepin; 5. Sutton's Branch, Beulah; 6. Grove, Mt. Zion, Warsaw.—Miller, Chairman; Smith, Stanford.

## III.

1. Burgaw, Pike, Keith, Hopewell; 2. Mt. Williams, White Oak; 3. Duplin Roads, Rockfish, 4. Union; 5. Clinton; 6. Oakplain.—Hoge, Chairman; Marable, Black, Shaw, Sr

## IV.

1. Mt. Olive; 2. White Hall; 3. Cobb Mills, 4. Seminary; 5. Croatan; 6. Morehead City.—McIntyre, Chairman; Shaw, Jr., Hines.

W. MCC. MILLER,  
Agent.

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WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY COMMITTEE OF WILMINGTON  
PRESBYTERY.

In connection with his report the agent of Foreign Missions read the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Committee of Wilmington Presbytery, which was received and approved and is as follows:

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Committee of Wilmington Presbytery report thirteen societies contributing to the cause of Foreign Missions during the year ending March 31st 1891, namely: Clarkton, Whiteville, Hopewell, Burgaw, Duplin Road, Mt. Williams, Clinton, Mt. Horeb, Grove, Topsail, St. Andrew's, First Church, Wilmington, and Young Gleaners, of First Church, Wilmington.

The amount contributed for the year as shown by the report of the Treasurer of Presbytery, through whom all remittances are now made is \$853.50.

The Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions assigned to our societies in January, 1891, Miss Bias, missionary in Brazil, whose salary is \$500 per year, and in October 1890 they assigned us Miss Robertson, on her departure for Japan. Her salary is \$600 Prior to the dissolution of the Union by Presbytery, last April, Miss Bias' salary had been paid for six months. These payments included the salary

for the first quarter of the Presbyterian year just closed. The remaining three quarters of her salary, and the two quarters of Miss Robertson's, have been paid through the Treasurer of Presbytery as his report shows.

These salaries are paid quarterly from the contributions of the societies, all expenses pertaining to the Foreign Missions Committee, such as printing and stationery, missionary literature, including leaflets and tracts, expenses of visiting missionaries as well as of the visiting committees, being met by an annual assessment on each society of one dollar for every ten members.

This fund is in the hands of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee, Miss Anderson, of Clinton.

This committee hoped to report more work done in the way of visiting the societies than we are able to report. We made four appointments, but owing to sickness and other causes only two were filled. We still hope to fill the other two before our annual convention to be held about the end of May. Our visits seem to be very much appreciated, and as our aim is to develop and foster a spirit of prayer and personal responsibility, God's Spirit attends and blesses our meetings, as is evidenced by the orderly, interested attendance, and in the quiet solemnity of our consecration meeting with which we always close.

At these meetings we distribute missionary leaflets, procured from the committee at Nashville, and sometimes "The Missionary," "Woman's work for Woman," and "Life and Light," which are taken in some of our societies. We also urge the importance of a large circulation of the "Missionary" as a means of increasing information and consequent interest in the work.

We hope one result of our visitations will be a larger attendance at our annual meetings, with a spirit of increasing zeal and consecration which taken home to each society, will bring our women in greater numbers to the help of the church in her Master's work.

In closing we would most heartily thank our ministers, who have so cordially assisted and encouraged us, and on whose continued assistance we depend for our greatest encouragement in this work which they have given us to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs B. F. HALL,

Chairman of Woman's Foreign Missionary Committee of Wilmington Presbytery.

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#### PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE.

The Agent of Publication and Colportage made the following report which was received and approved:

Your Agent of Publication and Colportage reports since the last

semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, we have been favored with the Reports of the General Assembly and Synod, from which we gather the following facts:

By a reference to Treasurer's report of Committee of Publication of General Assembly, we learn that \$8,557.36 have been received on collections from churches, Sabbath-schools and individuals during the past year, an increase of about 10 per cent. Out of this increase, the expenditures for the strictly benevolent work, \$7,112.54 have been appropriated to the Colportage work, \$3,941.70 in donations made directly by the committee, and \$223.21 of tracts distributed gratuitously by our colporteurs, giving a total of \$11,277.45. The committee is now out of debt, has a good trading capital and is in a healthy condition. The assets of the committee amount to more than \$8,000

The agent of Synod reports a falling off somewhat of contributions to this object and urges more diligence on the part of ministers and churches in following recommendations. See minutes of Synod, page 469

For the want of funds in behalf of colportage the committee at Richmond can only employ as yet one colporteur for each Synod. Rev. Mr. Towles is the efficient colporteur for our Synod. Nothing is being done on this line in our Presbytery as all our funds now go into the Treasury of Synod.

Your agent has yet on hand a small amount of funds and a few books.

Donations since our last session have been made to one Sunday-school and several individuals who greatly needed the books. If it is the pleasure of Presbytery we will retain the books and funds for a similar work in the future, or we are prepared to hand over the same to the committee of Synod which is now running this work in a general way.

I need not commend the literature of our Publication committee as our people all are aware of their value and helpfulness in training our children and indoctrinating our people. I wish in concluding this report to call attention of Presbytery to a circular sent out by Dr. Hazen in behalf of the Executive Committee of Publication, dated February 15th, 1891.

Respectfully submitted,

COLIN SHAW.

Agent.

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On motion the Revs. P. H. Hoge, D. D., A. McFadyen, James Kelly, and Peter McIntyre, and Ruling Elders B. G. Worth, and William H. Sprunt, were appointed a commission to visit Richlands and Keith churches in accordance with the fourth

recommendation of the report of the Committee of Home Missions.

The Revs. P. McIntyre, D. B. Black, Colin Shaw, and Ruling Elder I. R. Faison, were appointed a committee to carry out the recommendation of the report of the Committee on Ministerial Support in regard to Presbyterial visitation.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises submitted the following additional report which was received and approved: The Rev. Peter McIntyre, to preach to night at 7:30, the Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., to-morrow at 11 a. m., the Rev. J. D. Stanford to-morrow at 3 p. m., Rev. D. B. Black at 7:30 p. m. and Rev. Colin Shaw at 11 a. m. on Sabbath.

The Rev. D. B. Black was granted permission to supply Burgaw and Hopewell churches for twelve months.

The First Church of Wilmington having paid \$7 of \$16, our apportionment of the expenses of the Western section of the Evangelical Alliance, on motion a collection was taken up for the balance and the surplus was credited to Foreign Missions.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT.

The Stated Clerk made the following statistical report which was received, approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully reports to the General Assembly that we number thirteen ministers, one licentiate, five candidates and thirty-nine churches.

That on the 16th day of October last we received Licentiate Letcher Smith, from the Presbytery of Roanoke, and that on the same day we received under our care Byron Currie Clark, a member of the Clarkton church, as a candidate for the Gospel ministry and that on the day following we ordained Licentiate Letcher Smith as an Evangelist, and that on the 3rd day of April we licensed William M. Shaw as a probationer for the Gospel ministry, and that our next stated meeting will be held at White Hall church at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday, the 15th day of October next.

By order of the Presbytery,

A. McFADYEN.

Stated Clerk.

Black River Church, April 3rd, 1891.

## ORDERS ON THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the Stated Clerk 85 cents for postage and stationary for the year, and the agent of Sabbath-schools for expenses incurred in the conduct of the Sabbath-school convention last summer.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of Presbytery are hereby tendered to the congregation of Black River church for their cordial welcome and bountiful provision for our entertainment, to the families for the hospitable shelter of their homes, to the ladies for their graceful attention to all our wants and to the pastor and officers of the church for their arrangements for the expedition of the business of Presbytery, and Presbytery hereby expresses the hope that our intercourse with the people may be as beneficial to the church as it has been agreeable to us.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at White Hall church at 7 :30 p. m. on Thursday the 15th day of October next.

G. W. McMILLAN.

Moderator.

M. H. WOOTEN. }  
W. H. SPRUNT. } Temporary Clerks.

Attest: A. McFADYEN, Stated Clerk.

Black River Church Sampson county N. C., April 3rd, 1891.

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE  
PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON HELD AT FIRST  
CHURCH, WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, OCTOBER  
24TH, 1890.

Presbytery met and was constituted with prayer by Rev. Peter McIntyre, the last Moderator present.

PRESENT.—Revs. B. F. Marable D. D. A. McFadyen, G. W. McMillan, K. McDonald, P. McIntyre and Ruling Elder I. R. Faison, from Union church.

On motion the following resolution was adopted to wit: That all our ministers doing Evangelistic work be empowered to receive members by examination, directing them to join some church as members of the same.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at Black River church at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in April 1891.

Closed with prayer.

A. McFADYEN

Stated Clerk.

### MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON,

Held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Wilmington, N. C., Thursday 12 m. December 11th, 1890.

In accordance with a call duly made and published by the Moderator, Presbytery met in Special Session for the purpose of considering the application of the Rev. J. W. Primrose D. D. to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Potosi, Missouri and his resignation as Presbyterial agent of Foreign Missions, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. W. McC. Miller, the last Moderator present.

#### PRESENT.

MINISTERS—Colin Shaw, D. B. Black, A. McFadyen, J. W. Primrose, D. D., P. H. Hoge, D. D. and W. McC. Miller.

RULING ELDERS.—A. D. McDonald, St. Andrew's and S. Northrop, First church, Wilmington.

Rev. P. R. Law, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville and Rev. S. H. Chester, of the Presbytery of Nashville were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. J. W. Primrose, D. D. offered his resignation as agent of Foreign Missions and asked for the dissolution of the pastoral relations existing between him and St. Andrew's church and that he be dismissed to the Presbytery of Potosi, Missouri.

The Presbytery then heard Ruling Elder Oscar Pearsall, the commissioner from St. Andrew's, who read the following resolutions adopted by that church assenting to the request of Dr. Primrose:

"WHEREAS, The Rev. John W. Primrose, D. D., our much esteemed pastor, has received a call to the Evangelistic work of the Synod of Missouri, and considers it his duty to accept

the same, and to this end asks us to unite with him in his request to the Presbytery of Wilmington, to dissolve the pastoral relations existing between him and our Church. Therefore,

*Resolved First*, That inasmuch as our pastor considers it his duty to accept this call to labor elsewhere in the Master's vineyard, we unite with him in his request to the Presbytery that he be released from the pastoral care of this church.

*Second*, That in thus uniting with him in his request to Presbytery we do so in deference to his wishes in what he considers his Christian duty.

*Third*, That we desire to place on record our respect for him as a man and a minister of the Gospel. We recognize in him a preacher of extraordinary pulpit talent and that by his faithful preaching of the Word we have been built in the most holy faith and instructed in the knowledge of the truth.

*Fourth*, That we shall therefore ever feel a deep interest in him wherever he goes, and wherever God in Providence casts his lot we pray that His blessings may rest upon him and his family.

*Fifth*. That Mr, Oscar Pearsall be appointed by the congregation to present these resolutions to the Presbytery as the action of this congregation touching the request of our pastor, and that a copy be given to Brother Primrose as a testimony of our regard for him as our pastor and friend.

OSCAR PEARSALL,  
Moderator.

Wilmington, N. C., December 11, 1890.

Having heard the foregoing, Presbytery adopted the following paper presented by Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D.:

"WHEREAS, The J. W. Primrose, D. D., having received a call to evangelistic work in the Synod of Missouri, has therefore asked for a dissolution of his pastoral relation; and whereas St. Andrew's church, convinced of the wider field of usefulness that is opened to their pastor, unites with him in the request:

*Resolved* 1. That the relation between Rev. John W. Primrose, D. D., and St. Andrews Church will be dissolved after December 31st, and that a letter of dismissal be granted him to the Presbytery of Potosi.

*Resolved* 2. That in parting with Dr. Primrose the Presbytery recognizes the loss of one of its most earnest and successful pastors, of a diligent and faithful Presbyter, and of a friend and brother beloved.

*Resolved* 3. That in the extended field of usefulness to which God in His providence has called him, Presbytery follows him with its best wishes, and most earnest prayers for God's blessings upon his labors."

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Rev. W. McC. Milller was appointed to preach in St. Andrews church on the second Sabbath in January next and declare the church vacant.

Rev. W. McC. Miller was elected agent of Foreign Missions in place of Rev. J. W. Primrose dismissed.

After feeling remarks by different members of the body expressive of regret at parting with Dr. Primrose, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Black River at 7:30 p. m. April 1st.

Closed with prayer,

A. MCFADYEN.

Stated Clerk



DR.

JOHN McLAURIN, TREASURER IN ACC

FROM APRIL 1

	Contingent Fund.	Foreign Missions	Presbyterial Home Missions	Education.	Publication.	Invalid Fund.	Assembly's Home Missions	Colored Evangelization.	Synodical Evangelization.
Balance down,.....	\$ 23 38	\$	\$ 512 32	\$ 4 00	\$	\$ 1 00	\$	\$	\$ 82
Morehead City,.....			5 00						
Rockfish,.....	8 00	17 20	6 04	8 84		4 35	1 81		
Warsaw,.....			10 00						
Mt. Horeb,.....	12 50	7 00	10 00	7 71	2 00	3 70	6 82	2 00	4 00
Mt. Zion,.....	10 00	4 95	2 21	9 16	1 64	6 41	8 06	1 00	2 50
Duplin Road,.....	10 00	4 25		5 62		4 41	10 55	4 75	5 50
Hopewell,.....	1 06	4 00	10 28	2 48		1 75	6 76		1 00
Union,.....	29 00	10 00	20 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	
Grove,.....	15 0		15 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	10 10
St. Andrew's,.....	20 00	205 31	90 10	30 97	21 20	68 60	36 10	24 10	110 90
Burgaw,.....	10 00	5 60	12 50	5 00	1 68	2 61	2 89	2 38	4 30
Caswell,.....	17 35	2 00	2 25	3 10	1 21	2 58	2 30		
Clinton,.....	15 00	8 00	20 00	8 00	3 00	4 00		2 00	
Elizabethtown,.....		1 08	1 20	3 00		90	5 00	1 00	1 70
Sutton's Branch,.....			5 00						
Chinquepin,.....	2 00								
Whiteville,.....	12 50	6 16	10 00	6 05	2 25	1 52		1 07	5 80
White Plains,.....		1 53	2 00	80		1 47	1 19		1 80
Jacksonville,.....		1 00	8 25						2 10
Bladenboro,.....		8 45	2 00	4 00		3 82	6 32		
Topsail,.....		9 33	3 81	6 16		3 01	3 80	2 77	6 20
Keith,.....		80							
Mt. Williams,.....	10 00	5 05		3 50		2 08	2 01	4 29	2 60
Oak Plain,.....	5 93	2 16				1 30		1 18	80
First Church, Wilmington,.....	60 00	293 35	263 00	112 20	14 75	150 58	107 80	57 16	156 50
South River,.....	13 80	9 50	10 25	2 91	3 52	4 22	1 35	2 05	3 40
Beth Car,.....	18 98	10 31	11 25	9 00		5 06	8 15	3 30	3 65
Black River,.....	13 50	18 85	5 00	10 50	60	3 30	2 00		3 05
Clarkton,.....	15 00	32 89		5 66	2 71	16 82	7 32		10 30
Pike,.....	3 05	2 93	1 44	5 42		2 56	3 17		5 38
Richlands,.....				1 50		90		70	1 70
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Cobb Mills,.....			2 95						
Croatan,.....			2 50						
Rev. Dr. P. H. Hoge, Chairman,.....			100 00						
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Mt Olive,.....		2 75							
Burgaw,.....		10 68							
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Mt. Olive,.....		15 20							
Mt. Horeb,.....		22 00							
Clarkton,.....		32 77							
St. Andrew's,.....		75 00							
Burgaw,.....		5 00							
Hopewell,.....		7 94							
Duplin Road,.....		7 97							
Topsail,.....		5 00							
Grove,.....		30 00							
Whiteville,.....		12 50							
Clinton,.....		12 00							
First Church, Wilmington,.....		100 00							
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Ladies' F. M. Union, through Miss Anderson,.....									
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Balance brought down .....	\$ 16 22	\$ 139 97	\$ 355 49	\$ 10 85	\$ 10 53	\$ 70	\$ 10 90	\$ 8 31	\$ 107 16

E. & O. E. JOHN McLAURIN, Treasurer.  
Wilmington, N. C., March 17th, 1891.









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